3/20/82
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Dear Tetty

Have your [illegible] from the EAC auction. Sorry for the delay, but I had a very big test Thursday night

I hope that I can be of help to collectors who want [illegible] state and/or pedigree information. If I can be of any assistance, feel free to write

Frank

Wilkinson

4/12/82 Wrote thanking him and asking if he knew how to tell the year in which my brockage of the stemless reverse was struck. Also what was he studying.

April 15, 1982
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Dear Ted,

You are correct in saying I am interested in Half Cent Die states! I'm still interested in the coins and in the collectors even tho I am no longer interested in owning the coins. I sold my collection 3½ yrs ago primarily for religious reasons - all I cared about was coins (what an addiction!).

Anyway, back to your question. I saw your stemless reverse breckage at the '77 ½ c happening (see P.W. write-up P.W. page 96 1978). There I reported that Roger thinks the coin to be an 1806. You (and I) may ask, "How can he tell?" It shouldn't be easy, but there are clues. The 1st is the die flaw from E of UNITED ^ horizontally to the 4th outside leaf (that extends). This die flaw disappears w. use. The other clue is rim crumbling that first appears in 1805. Roger covers this well in his book.

You asked at EAC about the Eliasberg 1796 No Pole. I've seen the coin. It's beautiful. But in 1976 Louis Eliasberg loaned his collection to our government for the Bicentennial display in the Philadelphia Mint (and he died a few days later). The coins were displayed in large Capital Plastic-type holders. Unfortunately, the holes in the plastic were not custom drilled to fit the coins. Hence, the coins rattled around in the display cases for several months, and I'm convinced that some of his mint state coins no longer are! So the Condition Census may still be 65;60;55 Eliasberg, Showers, Dupont or it may now be 60;55;55 Showers; Eliasberg Dupont. I do not know for sure.

Also, I'm convinced that the Dupont 1802 C1 lot 1066 is the finest known. It appears to grade 12/30, or overall 20, but most people only look at the front of coins. I'm sure that Stacks would make a good try at getting the coin for

you to look at if you wants (maybe even to buy it). Ask Roger which of this variety he thinks is finest known.

I'm studying biochemistry, and I hope to get a PhD in about a year.

I know the whereabouts of a very few other finest knowns. If I can be of any help in locating something, let me know. My services are free.

Frank Wilkinson

Results of Cohen-McGuigan Whist match Falls, 1882

1793	1	R (Rogers)	56	45/40	Rogis has a small Edge Dirge
	2	J (Cline)	40	R's is sharper, but dark	
	3	J	60	25/12	
	4	J		20/45, but R's has a huger lamination	
1794	1a	J		50*/40	
	b	R		20 dark and a bit pitted / 6	
	2a	R		40/35	Close, but slightly sharper & better surfaces
	b	R		6/0	sharpness of 12, dark Pporous also a Good 5 clean
	3a	R		25/12	
	b	R		12/0	Sharpness of 20, but dark Ex Gross
	4a	J		60*/35-40	
	b	R		10/0	Sharpness of 15, but has rim bruises
	5a	J	40-45	30/30	Better color was the factor
	b			None	
	6a	R		12/7	12- plated in AHC #1 - Ex Rawls unattributed - dark, but nice
	b			None	
	7	R		40/20	R- Ex Rawls, dark, proof like - J- Ex Brobston
	8	J		12/12	J's has better color & surfaces - broken rev - R- unbroken and Cleaner
	9.	J		60*/35	
1795	1	J		50/30	The 30 is proof like
	2a	R	40-50	40/10	The 40 is P.L. w. rev. lamination
	2b	R		15/0	Ex - Eaton - Dupont - Spencer - R.S.C.
	3	J		20/10	20 Ex OCJ collection w. HALF CENT strong R- plated in AHC #1
	4.	R		J 50 R 45	R's more desirable on a better strike. J. Ex Brobston Miles 9/74 Sale
	5a	J		40/25	
	b	J		65/10	65 Ex Dr. Bolt
	6a	J		35/30	J- sharper R- better color & surface
	6b	R	50	12/12	R- has better color & surface, but a couple nicks
1796	1	J		55/4	J- Ex Dupont R- Ex Peters
	2.	J		60*/7	J- P.L. Red on Obv., dark on Rev.
1797	1	R		60/50	R- Ex Blaisdell - from an Elder Sale of 1934 or so
	2	R	45	30/30	J very slightly sharper, R much better color
	3a	R		25/25	That close
	b	J		30/12	Over Kill
	c	R		12/0	Three grips are obvious
1800	1	J		65/60	Brilliant versus subdued red
1802	1	R		25/15	R- Ex N.E.R.C.G. Both Nice
	2	R	58	6/4	A problem free 6.

1803	1	J	55/45	Almost overkill
	2	J	20/15	Ungar coin (RSC) is dark & scratched on obv.
	3	R	60/50	
	4	J	& 45/40	J- Esp sharp on obv.
1804	1	J	40/50	RSC has marks on bust
	2	R	8/9	8= Ungar coin, dark w super surface 4- Ex DWL-porous
	4	J	25/12	~~RSC~~
	5	J	55/55	R= sharpen w. bad color (I want against everyone else)
	6	J	55/55	J- better color
	7	J	50/40	yo has the break
	8	R	60+/50-55	R- Ex Brobston
	9	J	60/50	J- Ex WKR
	10	R	60/60	R- more lustrous J- better color
	11	R	45/40	
	12	J	60+/55	55 = 60 w edge damage K7 on obv.
	13	J	60/60	J's has rect.
1805	1	J	60+/60 8/15	J- Ex Brobston- Showers R- sharpen w dings on Rev.
	2	J	15 10/15	
	3	R	60/55 (?)	R- sharpen J- better color & may be slightly worn
	4	R	60's	Red over blue green- same nice color & surface.
1806	1	J	45/35	
	2	R J-50	7/7	J- has better color R- had Red (corrosion?) R obv is sharper J rev is sharper R- no crack J has crack & cud
	3	J	65's	Blazing versus subdued red.
	4	J	55+/50+	
1807	1	J	5/0	Nicer than it looks in AHC #1
1808	1	R	40/30	
	2	R	60/	I didn't record the grade for JRM
	3	R	35&40	J- sharper, but recolored w. a small mark on face.
1809	1	Tie	50/40	
	2.	J	65/	J- didn't record grade
	3	R	65/	J- didn't record grade
	4.	R	60+/55	
	5	J R-45	60/55	
	6	R	60's	J- better color & luster 75 versus 100% black
1810	1	J	45/40-45	by a tad
1811	1	J	40's	by a tad
	2	R	60/50	R- olive & lustrous
1825	1	R	60+/50+	Both have obv. rim dings
	2	R	63/60	
1826	1	R	60/55	> 5 points difference
	2	R		

1828	1	J	67/60	Red versus olive
	2	R	60/50+	
	3	J	65/60	
1829	1	R	65/65	40 versus 20% Red
1831	1	R	40/40	Color preference
1832	1	R	60+/55	
	2	J	65/65	J- more luster
	3	J	60+/55	J- very lustrous
1833	1	J	70/65	
1834	1	J	70/65	
1835	1	J	~~68~~ 70/65	
	2	J	67/65	
1849	1	R	60+/	J- ungraded
1850	1	R	63/55	
1851	1	R	70/45	
1853	1	R	67/63	R- reddish
1854	1	J	65/63	
1855	1	J	70/67	
1856	1	J	70/69	
1857	1	J	65/63	

Scorers	Roger	Jim
F. Wilkinson	+4	
D. Valanziano	+4	
R. Shimkus		+7
G. Braig		+28 (!)
R. Guth		Did not grade all.
S. Fischer		+15
J. Kane		+1
M. Evans		+7
R. Tatterhorst		+11
B. Yuall	+5	

Aug 8, 1984
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Dear Ted,

I called John Wright today to tell him about the arrangement on the double-struck half cent. I won't be there for another 2-3 weeks so you should not expect it back for ~ 3 weeks. (Hope you can live without it for awhile)

You asked about the 1st finest known half cents I know about. I'll tell you that most of these coins have been reliably reported to me by either Roger or Jim McGuigan. Also, any variety prior to 1825, except for some R 1's or R 2's, that I do not list I am assuming I have notes you have the finest known. ie. I'll list coins better than yours

1794-4a Jim's coin & the Alvord coin should still be in numismatic circulation, but I don't know where

1794-5a - two choices the 1st is the one in Auction 83 at $40.00 that is not even Mint state. The second was plated in Ada for the Encyclopedia. Ask Breen where the coin is.

6a. Roger owns the best one I have seen. The Brobston coin is listed as finest, but we don't know where it is. Stack's still has plates of all the Brobston coins, so I would suggest you compare the plate in Rogers 1st book w. the plate at Stack's.

1794-8. Coin plated in Don Taxay's Encyclopedia of US Coins. p

1794-9 The coin Gary Fitzgerald bought at auction 2-3 years ago for the then (and now) astounding sum of $23,000.

1795 1st some dispute here. The Garrett coin of #1 ~~& the Bareford coin of #2~~ are reported to be contenders. Nol

95-3 The Dupont coin may be finest known - in Hansen's collection Nol

1795-5 The finest is the 5 b owned by JRM

1800- Finest Known list is purely personal judgement. There are several incredible coins.

1802-2 Hanson claims to have an AU-50. If he does, it is surely plated in the encyclopedia. If such a coin is not plated, the VF30 Jack Bayne bought ~ 2yrs ago from NERCG may be preferable to the Miles coin.

1804-1 The Hanson coin, MS 60, ex the Helfand sale.

1804-4 The Bowers coin, plated in the catalogue is EF 40. It went to Willard Blaisdell, but I haven't heard who got it. If you don't have it, I'd guess Hanson → again check the plates of the Encyclopedia.

1804-5. Rogers coin ex a Coin Galleries sale. I was 1 of 3 people who spotted this beauty for what is was & told Pfeffer.

1804-6 Jack Bayne owns a beautiful buckwheat brown MS 60. I know of none others over ~~EF45~~ AU 55.

1804-7 Jim owns a 50. Carvin Goodridge reportedly found a 60 coin unattributed in a New York City coin shop this year.

1804-8. Rogue owns a beautiful coin - ex Bowers MS 60+
Gene Reele owns a red one.

1804-11 I have no idea on this one.

1804-12 Bill Webb's coin may be finest Known. I've seen the coin. It's hard to overdescribe this one.

1805-3 The finest I've heard of was the Gilbert plate coin to Blaisdell → ? You surely had an opportunity to get this one & your idea of CC 1 is ~~prob~~ probably better than mine.

1806-2 Hansen claims his coin, Ex Helfenstein, is MS 60.
I've seen Bill Webber's coin - It is really nice. AUSS
1807- I know positively know of only one MS 60. Ex Turkus - to Carvin
1808-2 I have heard of a mint state coin. The best one I've seen is a 45 or 50 that turned up at the '76 ANA (to you?)
1808-3- No idea. The Gilbert plate coin looked nice.
1809-1 Roger's coin is a bit preferable to Jim's coin. Jim prefers his.
1809, 2, 3, 5 & 6 No idea
1809-4 The Blaisdell coin to Jack Beymer is supposed to be MS 65.+
1810 There are several nice ones.
1811-1 your coin may well be higher condition than the "Proof" Ryder coin now in the Norweb collection. Your coin probably has [illegible]
1825-1 Roger's coin. MS 63
1825-2. I don't know.
1826-1 The WKR-Gross-Dr Lee coin - MS 65 this is one I should have asked to see when we were at Dr. Lee's home.
1831- Original - Supposedly an Unc is in the Smithsonian.
John Wright ~~verified~~ years ago verified an Unc, not a proof.
Subvarieties
94. 1B a VF 30 - Roger doesnt say who owns it; his trying to get it.
2B, 4B, 5B & 6B W. Weber. 3B RSC
95 2B The Ryder coin - in Norweb? MS 60
95 5a Bareford to Midwest collector
95 6b. A possible 3-way tie, RSC, JRM & W. Weber each says his own is CC1.
96-2b. an unlisted subvariety. A thick planchet specimen.
Unique - F15 - Schoenwalter

Alvord's letter

97- 3b Shaw to Hanson via Terranova ~~Possibly~~ By Alvord-
(A lot of the Alvord coin have "disappeared")
3c RSC ~~EF12~~ VG 10

97-2b Roger mentioned in his book a centered head '97 with a gripped edge. The owner of this coin is unknown to me.

The Hanson, McBurgan & Weber collections are for sale. None of them are openly offering them. But I know that these fellows have either openly tried to sell them to either you or Ted Naftzger. e.g. Hanson offered his collection to Naftzger for $1,000,000 and he has few, if any, proofs and, according to Roger, ~~this~~ one (1797-1) Mint state Liberty Caps!

Bill ~~Weber~~ Weber has the most realistic value for his collection of the above 3; Jim is not quite as big a dreamer as Hanson.

Carvin's coins can be gotten, but for big bucks.

Roger will die with his coins in his pockets. Roger might trade for something he wants, but don't hold your breath trying to work a trade.

Also 1826-2 MS65+ in the collection of an Alabama collector who shows his type set at coin shows. Jim has tried to get the coin.

Frank

P.S. I doubt if I've told you much of anything you didn't already know. Good luck in chasing these things down.

Sept 10, 1984
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Dear Ted,

Enclosed is your 1809-S double strike. It is the worst looking error I've ever seen. My opinion is that ~~someone stripped~~ the coin was corroded and has been stripped recently I made a pressing of the coin, ~~which~~ and the pressing is more attractive (less unattractive) than the coin I would recolor the coin if I owned it.

I've also enclosed a pressing of a 1794 CC2 with large edge letters that I was involved with. The coin is now in "The Arlington Hoard" The color is tan, and as you can see from the pressing, it is defect free. This is CC2 (more desirable than the Conn State Library Coin plated in the Encyclopedia).

I've borrowed the Encyclopedia from the EAC library. The big pluses are that we now know about the coins Breen & Hansen have known about for years and the plates are excellent. The negatives, in my opinion, are that there are numerous pedigree errors, the rarities tend to be overstated, and the omission sequences are dead wrong in 1794, 1804 & 1806.

Best Regards,

Frank M. Kinsman

P.S. My friend & I nearly ate at Cyrano's in Richmond Heights in June, but it looked too expensive.

Oct. 16, 1984
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Dear Ted,

Thanks for buying me a copy of the encyclopedia. You can be sure I've already put it to good use. Your letter answered the big mystery of the previous week? "Who sent Frank the Encyclopedia?" Now we know, and I am grateful. I hope I can help you out someday with some information, but I think you have at least as many facts about half cents at your fingertips as I do. But anyway, thanks.

I had noticed earlier that the Vermont-Bailford 1811 was mis-attributed. I have heard through the grapevine that you have first hand information regarding that coin so that you confirmed what I had inferred from information from two other sources.

I heard that you, Roger and Bill Weber got together at the St. Louis ANA in 1980 and "looked at half cents." If you should ever manage a session with either Jon Hanson and/or Don Partrick, please take good notes on the grades. You inferred in your letter some mistakes in grading in the encyclopedia. You could dispel some of those myths at such a session.

You quoted the Rubaiyat in a previous letter in regards to people who sell coins just for money when the coins give them so much pleasure. It is my opinion that most collectors in EAC are more interested in the money the coins represent than the coins themselves (Hope they don't feel that way about people). This is why PW has so many ads and talks about sales and swaps. Also notice how often a great rarity will change hands before it finds a happy home.

I found a 1797 C1 (Breen I) recently with a partially gripped edge. I told the dealer/owner friend of mine to send it to Roger for his inspection. Roger said the grips were due to the edge lettering of the 1794 T.A.H. Perhaps that is also the origin of the grips on the 1797 C2 Roger mentioned in his 2nd edition. Roger returned it.

Thanks again

Blessings on your house,

Frank Wilkinson

6 February 1985

Dear Roger:

I must apologize for the delay in getting some of this material to you. My ability to be timely is worse than breen's. I hope the weather warms up some in your area and that it will be safe to put a brass monkey out at night by the time I arrive next April.
The following is stuff that I've gleaned from breen's "Encyclopedia" and not pursued - i.e. - tried to really nail down as being bullshit or perhaps I need to become more knowledgable. Whichever is the case I'm sure you'll see a few items that you can clarify very quickly. All is fodder for the critique - O.K.??

What is breen's basis for reversing the pronouncing of Nova Constellatio?? The legend as it appears on the coin I think supports Nova Constellatio.

What is?? "boondocks auctions" p. 41; that are germane to half cent sales??
"medieval flyting-matches" p. 7;
"nearly of mint sharpness" p. 271; would'nt this apply to mint color as die wear could alter die sharpness significantly - i.e. 1807 & 1808.
"a law students knowledge of the history of the coin business" p. 9 when did law students develop a special insight into the history of the coin business??
"pig copper" is this related to "pig iron" ?? p. 15
"long wooden stirring rods" p. 15; for stirring molten copper??
"The compression at faces imparted at stamping" p. 27 typo!?
"J.R. Alvord collection (J.M. Chapman, June 9, 1942" p. 149 typo.

Blank pages - breen, 69 out of 523 or 13%; Jones, 23 out of 133 or 15%. Gotcha!!

Gripped edge illustration on p. 180 looks suspect to me.

Hammered coinage (p. 25) continued in the Americas - Central & South - until 18th century. Actually until 1824 if you want to count Mendosa's (State in Argentina) silver coinage.

Proposals, Preparations and Prototypes - still no write up on Wass. 1/2¢

Page 10, last paragraph. "key numbers.... are matched as cross-references..... one to each major variety of each date, 1793 - 1857". Well they's really crossed!! Numbering sequence is contrary to breen's variety number sequence and there are many instances where one number is used for more than one variety. In 1804,var. 1, 3, 9 are Sm. # 1289; var. 2 is # 1291; var. 4 has no #; var.4a, 5, 6 are # 1292; var. 7 is # 1293; var 8 is # 1290!!; var. 10 is 1295; var. 11 is # 1294; and var 12 is #1296.

Pages 35 & 36, its really too bad that breen couldn't have gone through 30,00 unattributed early date half cents as he claims he did the large cents and confirm some of the general rarity assignments, especially in the Scarce, R-3; Very Scarce, R-4; and Rare, R-5 varieties. A lot of [redacted] guesswork or "Kentucky windage" prevails when making rarity assignments in this rarity range. Poorly stated but I think you get my drift.

Looks like I'm about out of paper and energy so I'll button up for now and slit the sack. Hoping the above is not all a duplication of what you've noted. I figured you'd be involved in the mintage quan., emission sequences, minting methods, etc. One additional thing I learned this year is that it's very important to wait until a man is dead before you hang out all his dirty linen. I wonder if Dr. Lapp would have accepted for publication from an average E.A.C. member the drivel he published for breen. May the wind be at your back, the sun upon your face and an abundance of 20 year old Scotch in your pantry.

[redacted] My love to you, Debbie & the IRIS

2 April

Dear Roger:

Sorry you won't be in Chicago on the 11th. Your presence, shall we say, "enlivens" a gathering. Since Cal Wilson evidently see's me in your "camp" - and well he should- I'll try to carry on in Cal. as befits a member of "Cohen's Corps Concordia".

Please save out a couple of bucks for me on the very strong likelyhood that I'll be flatassed broke when I get to D.C.

Have a good week my General and I hope all your loved ones are well and happy.

"Doanglin Will"

JAN. & MAR., 1985

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leave the impression that he expected the book to be the kind that purports to tell you instantly How Much It's Worth. But an encyclopedia cannot be a continuously updated value guide. Ordinary coins in ordinary grades can be priced from the Red Book or gray sheet; rarer or choicer ones require a knowledge of auction records, which is precisely what this book provides instead.

Still others make me wonder if the copy he read is even the same book I wrote. Two examples of this last:

1. He claims that I have expressed "little other than disdain for the efforts of numismatic authors for the past 125 years" -- despite the praise I lavished on (among others) S. S. Crosby, Dr. Sheldon, Wayte Raymond, Cornelius Vermeule, Don Taxay and Robert W. Julian. (Had I found a convenient occasion to, I would have added Neil Carothers, George H. Clapp, Howard Newcomb, and Eric P. Newman). The context was my late 1940s disappointment with certain pre-Sheldon coin books, most of which have been superseded by better texts.

2. He complains that my section "How Half Cents Were Made" "seldom mentions the half cents" and "tells us about the invention of coinage by the Lydians." Its focus is on how the Philadelphia Mint made copper coins (planchets, dies, and striking), in the context of the changing mint technology of the period. "Text without context is pretext."

The illustrations on pp. 15-16 about which he complains are an artists composites from much older engravings in coin books. There was no time to get them redone from scratch. As for the missing items in the photographic grading guide, he would do better to ask Jon Hanson.

January 9, 1986
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Dear Tom

I have [illegible] I wanted to write a bit and the most recent [illegible] that [illegible] finished my degree [illegible] Michigan [illegible] I'm [illegible] in the same building. [illegible] blood cells

I suppose you [illegible] of the Encyclopedia [illegible] I'm still [illegible] but I [illegible] helpful but not complete, in [illegible] of pedigrees, especially of type [illegible] But [illegible] I [illegible] glad you [illegible] I think the price [illegible] the pictures (since I collect catalogues in [illegible] half price).

It's [illegible] stacks. Jim McGuigan [illegible] Cole (Collins). [illegible] Knowledge [illegible] Rogers bought the [illegible] an [illegible] SS, but [illegible] price!

[illegible] that I [illegible] that the [illegible] collection is [illegible] (Chippendale [illegible]). [illegible] probably [illegible] but probably [illegible] as he thinks. [illegible] C3 [illegible] be CC1. I [illegible] CC1. [illegible] CC1. [illegible] CC1 [illegible]

[illegible] Award. [illegible] Award [illegible] Award (Brian [illegible]). I would be willing to pay $5 [illegible]

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Feb 7, 1986

Dear Frank,

I always enjoy getting a letter from you. It is certain to contain chunks of information, innovative thought, and good cheer. I hope you had an enjoyable holiday season and that you are finding your new program satisfying. Congratulations on finishing the degree work. Give my regards to Sally.

As it happens, I have been engaged in work related to yours, except on a much less academic level. I have been feeding carbohydrates to my blood cells, with the expected results fully evident.

Thanks for the information on the FK's, and other CC coins.

The concept of an award for help cent research is great, and under normal circumstances I would be delighted to make a good contribution to help it get started.

Unfortunately, there is such a division

between those who are partisans of Roger, and those who admire Walter and his associates on EUSHC, that the competition and comment would undoubtedly create a more divisive atmosphere than already exists. It is hard to imagine either group being gracious about the first award going to the other, and accepting "second place" in the sequence of honorees. If you think I am wrong, and that there would be a way to achieve an amicable consensus, please let me know. I would gladly support almost any such proposal.

Your comments in PW have really added to the total perspective on half-cent knowledge. Nothing authoritative should pass unchallenged, or it will acquire the patina of Scripture, which is not what the search for knowledge should be.

The Cardinals should be happy, having just had a turn at the World Series. I saw most of the games the last time they faced the Tigers. Gibson was at his incredible best, and still the Tigers won. Did you ever read the long article in the New Yorker by Roger Angell on Gibson and that Series? One of the best-written sports articles ever.

Regards, Tatt

Note new address

Answered 3/3/86: "OK if amicable. Have my doubts if Walter will accept either sharing or receiving second. But try. I'll be supportive. Copper-plated gold is perfect!"

February 19, 1986
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2-20-86

Dear Tett,

I received your letter last week and thought awhile about what you said about an award for half cent scholarship.

I think that if we established such an award that having co-winners of the 1st award would be distasteful, but accepted by both Roger and Walter. I think both of them should be told that such an award is being proposed and that if the one refuses to be a co-winner with the other, the other will win it outright and the disagreeable one would be the second winner (sort of like Solomon and the boy to be split between two women) I have jotted down the major accomplishments each has made to half cent numismatics (enclosed) I'm still unsure if the award should be as a medal, a plaque, or a certificate. If it's a medal, we should announce that the medal is copper plated gold.

I recently bought an original plate of the half cents from the Winsor sale and reprints of the Clonmax and Mills sales by the Chapmans. The main thing I have found is that Rogers 1797 CL plated in AHC#2 was lot 1015 in the Winsor sale. I have tentatively identified other coins, but I want to be sure before I say such and such coin came from one of those sales.

As you know, spring training begins in a week or so, and "Hope springs eternal."

Best regards,

Frank Wilkinson

P.S. Does the Ross award now seem more feasible?

Breen

Published the Encyclopedia of United States Half Cents in 1984.

Discovered new varieties of 1854 and 1856 business strikes.

★ Established that there are two reverses of the restrikes from 1840-1848 and 1852 that are now known at 1st and 2nd restrikes.

Catalogued many half cents for major auction houses and used now-accepted EAC grading and delineated the pedigrees of many specimens.

Extensively studied the emission sequences for all years of half cents.

Assembled an extensive collection of half cents replete with many high grade rarities.

Cohen

Published American Half Cents in 1971 and 1982.

Discovered a new variety of 1808 half cents that is the rarest half cent variety.

studied the die emission sequences of all dates and determined the accepted sequences for 1797 and 1803.

Assembled an extensive collection of half cents with a special emphasis on condition rarities and unusual die states.

Both studied half cents largely independent of one another, but the studies of each spurred the other to more studies so that today the half cent is the best studied denomination of U.S. coins.

★ I'm not sure about this one.

April 12, 1986
1664 Brian Terrace #[illegible]
Ann Arbor, MI 48[illegible]

Dear Tom,

I've talked to Rosie and Dobbin Cohen about a half cent award. They had a number of thoughts that basically billed down to 1) EAC should have an award for early copper research, for promotion without regard to half cents or large cents. Walter, Roger, D Lacey, J. Reiver, J Wright & maybe a couple of others would be logical winners 2) Roger thinks there should be a committee to establish whether or not a book meets the requirement to be a standard reference (such a committee would be playing w dynamite in EAC) John Wright thinks #[illegible] is a good idea. Soon I'll write Jeff Oliphant [illegible] what he thinks.

A couple of weeks ago I saw the EAC sale catalogue by Pine Tree. There were many half cents. I looked at the plate of 5[illegible] and read the description of 1797 Centered head strength [illegible] a large cent probably 5 12[illegible] or 1[illegible]. The half cent didn't have a pick so I know it wasn't a 1797. The cover, actually a 1795 C6 (Brock 6) I know you have a significant collection of errors, but I also know others have some more errors [illegible]. Anyway if you [illegible] this is a please bring it (assuming you're coming) to EAC this year.

Hope all is well w you and that I see you at EAC

Best regards

Frank Wilkinson

May 19, 1986
1664 Univ. Terrace #716
Ann Arbor, MI 48104

Dear Tett,

It was just great to see you again at EAC. The coins you brought were real knockouts, and I also liked your humorous comment about the fellow (Fred Borchardt) who would likely sell his 1794 C8 EF 40 to raise money for the Robbie Brown sale, "Well at least he wouldn't be ~~spending~~ wasting his money on something frivolous like food, clothing, or shelter."

I saw Roger's 1802 C2 later that weekend. Your coin Ex Holmes, Brobston et al is superior to Roger's coin. Roger's coin is superior to any of the others I have seen. Fred Borchardt owns a VF 20 overstruck on a Cent and is of a late state w/ die rust on both sides.

Jeff Oliphant showed me the silver medals he later gave to Dr. Lapp and Bill Parks. Jeff had 18 or so of the Silver medals struck at $10 each. The engraving was $50 each. He likes the idea of the president having the discretion to hand out the medals as he sees fit. Jeff said the large cent authors may get them one year and 1/2 authors another or all of them at the same time. I guess that's what they mean by the discretionary power of the president.

I also saw Roger's 1804 #1 Ex the Coin Galleries sale of 11/85. The coin is AU 55 or so and is of the latest state shown in Breen. It is likely better than the Alvord-Brobston coin, but not as nice as the Showers coin.

Thanks for your offer to let me see some of your coins when I'm in St. Louis, but any thing you'd show me ~~wh~~ would just pop my eyes out. I wrote ~~up~~ an article for PW about my visit to the Smithsonian; those coins, those at EAC, and Roger's coins just blew me away. All I could think about for awhile was all those super coins I'd seen.

Best regards.

Frank Wilkinson

October 20, 1986
1110C University Village
East Lansing MI 48823

Dear Tett,

I am now living/working in East Lansing once again. I'll probably be here another 2-3 years. I am happy to getting re-acquainted with old friends. Hopefully you haven't been through a job change/move lately; they're terribly disruptive.

I received a list today of the ~~coins~~ ½cents in the Norweb estate. You may be interested in knowing the finest known 1794 C6 (12) Fine 15 Ex Brobston is in the collection. There is also a VF30 1804 C4, bought from Stacks in 1962 which is likely (15) Ex Brobston (RSC thinks Norman Stack may have placed the coin w. Mrs. Norweb). It is only CC3 as there is a new AU 50 in a California collection. There are a number of other CC ½¢'s, but none that have been touted as CC1. RSC told me to write you specifically about one coin. The 1854 copper nickel pattern Ex Farouk is in the collection. RSC strongly suggested I tell only you the location of this coin so you could examine and/or acquire the coin. As you can see from the list which I've enclosed, Rendell bought lot 1700 of the Farouk collection, and many of those went to Mrs Norweb. It's really too bad she was not an active EAC'er. I'm sure many great stories died with her. Speaking of great stories, I hope you put on paper what you know about the Showers collection and how you acquired the coins you wanted.

I have read in PW and in Coin & Breen about the breakup of the Showers collection and have felt ~~that~~ the details were scanty. Even if such an article weren't published in your lifetime, make sure it gets written. I met Mr. Eric Newman at the ANA this summer, and he seemed ~~to be~~ supportive of the idea I stop in to see his money museum.

This summer I helped RSC acquire two top-notch coins for his collection: The first was an 1809 C5 MS63 and well struck for $1600. The coin has 20% red. I doubt if it's finest known, but it's the best I have seen. The 2nd is a 1794 C9 of a very late die state, the die was failing on the right side both obv. & rev. The coin has original red (5 to 10%). It is probably a 55 or 60, but the price was reasonable since the coin was so poorly struck. One of these days I'll come to St Louis to see your collection, then I'd know if a coin would be an upgrade for you.

Gene Braig is tentatively planning a whist match with Bob Yuell to be held in Cleveland (the date hasn't been set yet). Anyway, it would be great if you could come (whenever it does happen) and bring your die states of 1804 C6. Gene and Roger have 20 or 30 die states between them.

God bless,

Frank Wilkinson

MOCAB

Mrs. R. Henry Norweb - Left cent. coll. 5/86 by Del Bland

1793 G-1 20 (63) 1953 ANA: 1444

G-2 35 63 Picker 3/22/55

G-4 45 65 well struck, no rev. rim break Stacks 4/18/56 @Geo. -

1794 G-2 20 67 Elder 11/12/09

G-3 12 35 Picker 9/1/57

G-3 8 " ex 1957 ANA: 37 - Washburn

G-4 55 60 Schulman 4/3/59: 868

G-5 35 50 Picker 5/25/60

⊗⊗ G-6 15 12 ~~ex ANA~~ 12/63 ND Brobston - Stack's, 1963

1795 G-1 15 65 line-like flan crack across obv, ex 1956 ANA: 1159 cleaned + reversed

G-4 25 58 usual weak striking no pedigree

G-5 damage 65 15 coin-edge rolled 1953 ANA pt?

G-6a 45 60 but bad flan crack lower obv, worse on upper rev. ex. 1953 ANA pt? - NN 6/23/54

G-6b 15 40 Picker, 1960

G-7 6 30 Picker, 3/30/55

G-8 7 8 Penn - Ohio 1959, lot 41

1796 G-1 35 63 dubied spot around most of R in LIBERTY, a lighter smaller one opposite forehead, denticles behind neck + above STATES weak or missing ex. Klein, 1888? - Chapman - Ellsworth - W. Raymond - Ryder - NN 6/54: 274 4/5/20

G-2 10 60 edge dent below 79, obv. edge nick at 9:00, a trace of rev. roughness, diagonal scratch from wreath to right stem, a bit of pitting between ST ex. Brobeck - Ryder - W. Raymond - NN 6/23/54, pt? Gilbert plate coin

1797 G-1 20 30 light diagonal scratch rose bush to near edge, a scratch one more to near base of T, obv. well off center at 1:30, rev. low at 3:30, med. chocolate brown ex. Hollinbeck 11/30/56

diagonal scratch behind cap across face

1797 G-1 7 (30) Farouk: 1700

G-2 gripped edge 6 8 obv. well off center at 7:00, rev. well off center at 11:00 ex. Jenks: 6245 - ? NN 3/20/56

1800 G-1 55 63 Chapman, 1909

1802 G-1 7 30 cleaned + recolored Mehl 1/2/37

G-2 12 20 defects below last 2 digits of date + to the right (undertype?) ex. Kenneth Rendell 8/1/60

1803 G-1 20 58 Picker 8/1/57

G-4 6 45 " "

1804 G-1 12 (40) ex. Low #173 9/13:522 - Ryder - W. Raymond - Picker, 1958

⊗⊗ G-1 45 40 Hollinbeck, 1961

G-3 55 65 in Brand - 1957 ANA: 43

G-4 55 65 but "dipped" ex. Picker, 1961

G-5 40 63 NN 11/56:373

G-9 10 32 Picker 8/1/57

⊗⊗ G-10 30 15 Stack's, 1962

1805 G-2 45 65 Holmes: 1302

G-3 10 30 numerous tiny nicks in right obv. field, a couple heavier opposite top of neck, rev. E in CENT weak, part of H + C weak + rev. off center at 11:00 Gilbert plate coin?

1806 obv G-1 rev G-2 5 10 Picker, 1960

G-2 35 55 Picker 8/1/57

1807 G-1 45 63 cleaned + recolored Hollinbeck 8/30/58 later die state

1809 G-1 25 65 Low 9/5/08

G-2 50 62 Hollinbeck 8/30/58

G-3 35 55 long edge dent overstar 7 NN 6/54:301

1809 Unlisted 10 32 Picker 8/25/56

G-4 60+ 65 " 8/1/57

G-5 55 65 but softly struck NN 8/22/55

1810 G-1 55 65 rev. cleaned + recolored Picker 8/1/57

1811 G-1 45 60 55 but cleaned + recolored, dark area thru NITE Picker 8/1/57

G-2 60 67 somewhat proof-like H. Mickley, 1867 - Clemens (sp.) - Cleveay - Elder #83 9/13:404 - Ryder - W. Raymond - NN sale 6/23/54

1825 G-1 40 67 Baldenhofer 11/55:102

G-2 55 60 no pedigree

1828 G-3 55 65 Picker, 1959

⊗ 1831 G-1 original 45 40 Farouk: 1700

G-1 " Proof 50 Pf 63 60 but diagonal line of tiny nicks from curl on face to right of star 2, bronzed ex NN, 1958

G-1 + original Proof 55 (Pf 63) darkish area on edge over star 5 ex. Elder 10/17/08 @ 52.50

G-2 1st Restrike large berries Proof 60 + Pf65 Stack's 2/58:515 a tiny reddish spot close over top front of head

⊗⊗⊗ G-3 2nd Restrike small berries Proof 60 DNH many very minute carbon spots on obv. Farouk: 1700

1832 G-1 Proof 60 Pf65 TJC: 404

G-3 40 63 cleaned + recolored Baldenhofer 11/55:109

1833 G-1 60+ proof-like Pf65 UNC 65 Green 10/28/08 @ 94

1834 G-1 Proof 65 Pf65 TJC: 466

1835 G-1 Proof 63 Pf64 TJC: 467

G-1 55 65 Mongey sale golden color

1836 G-1 original Proof 60 Pf65 Farouk: 1700

(X) G-2 1st restrike large berries Proof 63 Pf62

ex. allenburger: 942 - ? - Stack's 3/58: 733

1840 G-1 original Proof 65 P62 E. Sears @ 80.—

G-2 1st rest. recut HALF CENT Proof 60+ P60 Stack's 11/57: 105

G-3 2nd " die file marks on ICA Proof 60+ P63 Elder @ 56.50

1841 G-1 Proof 60+ P65 Elder 12/17/08 @ 33 —

G-2 Proof 60 P62 Stack's, 1963 struck on thin flan

G-3 Proof 60 P63 Farouk: 1700 " " " "

G-3 Proof 60 (P63) Mehl 1/2/37 " " " "

1842 G-1 Proof 67 P65 Stack's 11/57: 107

(X) G-1 12 DNH bought from ? on 10/17/08 @ 78.65

G-2 Proof 60 P65 Farouk: 1700

G-3 Proof 63 P64 Elder @ 80.—

1843 G-1 Proof 67 P63 Elder @ 50.—

G-2 Proof 60+ but P60 with lint marks on obv. Morgenthau 9/35 @ 61.—

G-3 Proof 63 P60a 1957 sale, lot 31 plated as "B 1-C part of desc. reads --- Elisabeth specimen from the Jenks sale---

1844 G-1 Proof 60 P64 Farouk: 1700

G-2 Proof 60+ P63 small obv. carbon spots Stack's 11/56: 28

G-3 Proof 63 P63 Farouk: 1700

1845 G-1 Proof 60 P60 Morgenthau 9/35 @ 71—

G-2 Proof 63 P60 Farouk: 1700

G-3 Proof 63 P63 Elder @ 111.50

1846 G-1 Proof 60+ P Morgenthau 9/35 @ 75.—

G-2 Proof 63 P no pedigree cost 55.—

G-3 Proof 60 P63 TJC: 479

1847 G-1 Proof 60 P65 Morgenthau 9/35 @ 86.—

G-3 Proof 63 P64 Elder @ 44.—

1848 G-1 Proof 60+ P63 Farouk: 1700

G-2 Proof 63 P Elder @ 48.—

G-3 Proof 60+ P Stacks 3/58: 741 horizontal lint mark from [illegible]

G-3 Proof 60 (P) NN 3/20/55

1849 G-1 Proof 63 P bought from ? on 9/6/09 @ 80.—

G-2 Proof 63 P65 Elder 10/17/08

1850 rev. of 1849 B:116-1A Proof 65 P

ex. Chapman 4/03: 332 – Ryder – NN 6/23/54

⊗⊗ 1852 G-1 large berries Proof 65 DNH obv. with many very minute carbon spots, a large carbon spot between RI

ex. R.L. Miles, Jr.: lot ?

G-2 small berries HALF CENT recut Proof 60+ P64 Farouk: 17[illegible]

G-3 " " die file marks over RICA Proof 60 P Elder 10/17/08 @ 31.50

⊗⊗ 1854 G-1 B:125-1C Proof 60+ NN 6/26/53

1/2 cent pattern AU-55 light flan striations on rev.

ex. Randall, 1957 DNH

1855 G-1 Proof 65 P64 Baldenhofer 11/55: 124

1856 G-1 B:127A-1A Unc 60 65 but cleaned + recolored Elder 11/1[illegible]

⊗ 1/2 cent pattern Proof 68 P a little weak striking NN 8/22/5[illegible]

(?)(?) 1857 G-1 B:131-1B Proof 63 P Mougey sale @ 2.25

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Oct. 27, 1986

Dear Frank,

What a treat it was to get the listing of the Norweb Collection and your nice letter. There are a few that I would like to have, but ownership is really not the primary objective. The key coin to me is the 1854 pattern, and the important thing is to find out if it is truly copper-nickel. I suspect that it is, like the other one, only a regular copper proof. I do hope we have a chance to find out!

I will be glad to tell you the Showers story. It is very ordinary, and quite lacking in drama. The core of it is that I offered Joe Flynn a good price if I could buy only the coins I needed, and have first pick. We made a deal on that basis. What I took was a bit over half of the collection.

Eric Newman's museum is worth seeing, as much on esthetic grounds as on numismatics. He was able to suppress his specialized knowledge and create a museum that is interesting and educational to the non-numismatist, including school children. You should plan a special trip to St. Louis to see it — and I'll show you my entire collection at the same time. Let's make a date!

As an enticement, I am enclosing a list of the best of each variety that I have. The grading is a composite of my own, and those of Roger, Jim, & Hanson, each of whom have seen many of the coins. Also Bill Weber. Please keep the list confidential for yourself only. One qualification is that some of the die states may be inexact, as many of the coins were acquired before I was much interested in die states, and I have not done a thorough job yet of reviewing them all.

I would be glad to journey for a whist or show-and-tell session, but I'd just as soon avoid a "who has the best one" contest. I have only 10 or 12 different die states of 04 C6. But I do have 4 or 5 of 1811 C1, three of 06 C3, five of 04 C7.

Glad to hear you are getting settled back in East Lansing. I haven't been through that sort of disruption really since the Korean War was in the early 50's.

Thank you for the letter,

Tell

November 3, 1986
1110 C University Village
East Lansing, MI 48823

Dear Ted,

I definitely want to visit you soon. I cannot realistically come until Jan or Feb as I plan to be in a friends wedding in San Juan in mid-December, and I cannot justify taking a bunch of time off right away.

I would also like Roger to be there to discuss the coins, if that's all right w. you and him as there are many nuances that I just would not pick up. Of course, I'd be blown away by the grades (ie high grade specimens).

Apparently Ted Naftzger has been buy of most of the high grade liberty Cap ½¢ at auction in the past year. He probably got the AU 55 to 60 1793 C 3 out of the superior sale for $26K + juice + commission to Tony Terranova.

I was truly surprised to learn that you lack any of the proofs, I'd heard from Roger you had them all, and I'd heard from Jim M you lacked a few. The ones you lack are plenty rare, but I'm sure you'll get them if you're patient.

Thanks for your inventory. I'll show it to no one. I just sort of floated around for a couple days thinking about those beauties.

Graeme

January 7, 1987
1110 C University Village
East Lansing, MI 48823

Dear Ted,

I am writing to make arrangements to come to St. Louis to see you, your fine city, the Newman Money Museum, and your collection of half cents. The only weekends in the next few months when I have something planned are Feb. 8 and March 20-22 (EAC). If you give me at least a month to plan the trip, I can get a plane ticket at a much lower price. Roger said he'd like to see your collection, but that he'd make it another time.

I haven't heard anything new about half cents lately. I've had no time to look up pedigrees and haven't heard from JRM (my main source) lately. I have heard tons about the Robbie Brown sale (I didn't even buy a catalogue), but there weren't many half cents in that sale. A lot happened at that sale that will likely never appear in Penny-Wise.

The new year is going well for me and I hope the same is true for you too.

Best regards,
Frank Wilbur

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January 12, 1987

Mr. Frank Wilkinson
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Dear Frank:

It would be a pleasure seeing you here to inspect the "Missouri Cabinet" collection of half cents. From my point of view, the timing would be best if we could do it before the EAC meeting in mid-March. The only weekends which are not possible for me are the weekends of Saturday, January 24 and Sunday, January 25 and Saturday, February 28 and Sunday, March 1.

Please keep in mind that the Newman Money Museum is not open on Saturday and Sunday. Its hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Therefore, if you can possibly arrange to come in for at least a little piece of a Friday afternoon or a Monday morning, that would be best. An hour would be plenty of time to tour the Museum itself, unless you would like to have additional time to do research in its considerable library.

Would you be willing to perform some services for me in connection with your visit? Specifically, would you give me a grading of each of the major coins, and what you know about its pedigree and position in the condition census? If so, I would be glad to pay for your airplane ticket and hotel bill, since they will become tax deductible to me. Doing it this way may take some pressure off of you to make plans a month in advance. Also, it would not be necessary to use the very lowest price ticket available.

I would be interested in finding out what you heard about the Robbie Brown sale. I am looking forward to seeing you and hope we can have an interesting time together.

Regards,

mb

January 21, 1987
1110 C University Village
East Lansing, Michigan 48823

Dear Taft,

I received your letter of Jan. 12, and decided to visit you the weekend of Feb. 20-22 I may fly in as early as Wednesday, the 18th as I like St. Louis a great deal and I'd like to do some sightseeing as well as attend the coin show being held in St. Louis that weekend. Would you recommend a hotel or motel that would be convenient for me to stay at.

I'd be pleased to provide you with what I know about the pedigrees of any of your (or anyone else's) coins as well as grade them and give my opinion as to their standing in the condition census.

In a sense I'm almost as interested in seeing your duplicates as your first line collection as a number of significant half cents have just "disappeared."

Jim says I should take a lot of notes; Roger advised that I just enjoy myself.

If you can think of any out-of-the-way, but really interesting places to visit in St Louis, let me know.

Best regards
Frank Wilbur

	Single Rate
Sheraton St. Louis	$55.00
Holiday Inn — Riverfront	$49.00
Radisson —	$67.00

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R. TETTENHORST
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January 30, 1987

Mr. Frank Wilkinson
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Dear Frank:

I have made a reservation for you at the Riverfront Holiday Inn on Fourth Street in downtown St. Louis for arrival on Wednesday, February 18. The confirmation number is 6425. Please let me know promptly if you change your mind as to your arrival time so that I can advise the hotel. This hotel is convenient to the downtown area, within walking distance of the museum, the coin show, the safe deposit vault, etc.

Would it be practical for you to charge your plane ticket to your Mastercard? I can then reimburse you for your transportation and hotel bill when you are here so you will have the cash before you have to pay the bill. If you would prefer to handle this some other way, please let me know.

I will give some thought to your question about interesting things to see. There are certainly many different alternatives, although February is not the ideal month, of course. If you could give me a clue as to what types of things are interesting to you, it might help focus my thoughts.

It will be very interesting to get your evaluation and comments about the coins. Of course, they will include the duplicates. In some of the rarer varieties, there are duplicates which are in or near the condition census.

There may be a solution to the question of taking notes or just enjoying yourself. Since I would like to have notes of your comments in any case, I can make the notes as you go through the individual items. Then I can give you a copy of the notes. What a wonderful invention is Xerox!

Looking forward to seeing you,

Sincerely,

me

- Planetarium
- Money Museum
- Transp
- Mo Historical

[Union Station, D-T
- Brewery
- Arch + Mus Westward Exp [Old Courthouse / Old Cathedral]

February 7, 1987
rec'd. 1-12
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Dear Tatt,

Thanks for your kind comments but now I'm left with that part of story. I would have changed my plane ticket on my Visa card, but I don't have one. I pay cash for most things I buy. My bank loans I would take for weeks & get a credit card, & I stopped that & I've got a stack of car loan payoff slips & a checkbook. If you'd be kind enough to tell the place there & I'll reimburse with [illegible] I'll pay it off in [illegible] Capital Airlines should suffice. I think I can manage to get from there on out to the motel without [illegible] so you should have to stay up a ~~short~~ late.

I first visited St. Louis in December 1941 on a [illegible] trip. I was going to see if I had been admitted to the U of [illegible] but the weather was so bad that the train I had planned on [illegible] so I didn't go & ended up [illegible] instead. I visited the Missouri Botanical Garden, I think. In 1947 I visited a medical school [illegible] I'm not sure it was St. Louis, but the [illegible] was one of the major medical research centers [illegible]. So the [illegible] we might [illegible] (Incidentally, I'm not sure the "Gilbert" I [illegible])

[illegible] I do not [illegible] I'm [illegible] for the R & R [illegible] I should be [illegible] and I will be [illegible]. For me it [illegible] course I [illegible] I hope I [illegible] a progress report on the [illegible] and be [illegible] I [illegible] your time [illegible]

Again, thanks for [illegible]

Best regards,

Gerald R. [illegible]

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Friday the 13th
Feb 1987

Dear Frank.

Looking forward to seeing you. Your hotel reservation has been guaranteed for Wednesday evening. I will call you Thursday morning at the hotel, and plan to spend the day with you looking at half courts. We can meet for breakfast.

I am enclosing a booklet about the St. Louis area, and a good map of downtown. The booklet has some of my thoughts in it, and key places on the map are highlighted in pink.

My personal ranking would be:

MUST NOT MISS

- Money Museum
- Arch and its museum
- Cahokia Mounds

OTHER VERY GOOD THINGS

- Old Cathedral
- Zoo
- Science Museum
- Union Station
- St. Louis Centre
- Missouri Historical Society
- Laumeier Sculpture Park
- Anheuser-Busch tour
- Meramec Caverns

The others depend on your particular interests.

Don't forget, you are at the Riverfront Holiday Inn, not one of the others.

See you Thurs.

Tell

R. TETTENHORST
P. O. Box 14020
Saint Louis, Missouri 63178

Dear Frank,

I really enjoyed our get-together. Hope you got something out of it as well, and that you found the museum and library interesting. What else did you see in the area?

Your notes were very helpful. Your book is hereby returned. A few questions about your notes.

1) P.100 Why is the Jay coin crossed out?
2) What does the notation "WKR-Weber" mean at the illustration on p. 110
3) P.118 Plate coin has notation "Allenburger," but there is no reference to this in the text. Which coin is it?
4) P.190 The coin I bought from Unger isn't listed, at least with his name. Is it one of those listed as a new one? My no. 97.3c.3. Picker-Munde?
5) What do the letters TT1, TT2, etc. stand for?
6) P.200 Does the notation Tett/WW at the plated coin mean that the obverse is my coin and the rev. Bill's?

Some additional information for your book:

P.45 The Uncirculated picture is my 4.2
P.68 " " " " 3.1
P.71 " State # " " " 1.3
P.86 " Normal Hub " " " 4.5
P.87 " High Relief " " " 7.4
P.88 " LEL Head " " " 7.4
" " SEL Reverse " " the "Herriman" attribution you have for the C5
P.127 " upper left is a coin you have identified as Garrett
" " lower right " " " " " JAM
P.140 " upper coin " my 5a.6

Some other comments:

P. 163 The McCoy-Bland-Hetterman coin is the Showers coin to JRM. [Check this with JRM] Not in HOARD

P. 113 The Ryder coin was bought by me (not Bareford) at Stack's Autumn '78 sale, and from me to Rarcoa.

P. 129 My altered '35 #1 with edge lettering removed is normal weight

P. 149 The Stack's 3-30-78 Lot 26 has been sold

P. 175 or 179 Note that there were two high-grade examples in Showers, but Hanson only lists one here. These are my nos. 1.4 & 1.5

P. 247 I did not buy the Showers coin

P. 263 " " " " " " ". The About Fine I traded to JRM came from Roger's FPL.

P. 384 Series V Include 1844 now in the years known. Lauder #301

P. 208 The Bareford coin weighs 97.8 gr.

P. 229 " Showers " went to Jules Reiver

" " " " Weber.

I have some other items to check out and compare. Will let you know when they are resolved, if you would like.

Because of your scholarship, I am enclosing for your use, and trusting your discretion with two closely guarded lists. One is the original Hanson writeup of the Showers collection, for which Flynn paid him $2-3,000, I am told. The other is a listing of the half-cents in the original Col. Green inventory! I searched for years to find this! The collection was divided into two parts, presumably of equal value. The group on the left is the treasure trove I found. My numbers are listed. Most of these you have seen, except for some that I traded. You can have some fun placing the others into the ownership chains before and since. Comparing the grades listed with the ones you assigned to the same coins may help with the ones on the right. So far as I know, you are the only one with this — although I may have given Hanson a copy when he and Jack Collins photographed my coins. Please do not circulate either list.

Regards, Tett

February 24, 1977
1110 C University Village
East Lansing Michigan
48823

Dear Tett,

Thanks again for hand of me over the past weekend. It was [illegible] I got here and had a chance to [illegible] be able that I [illegible] that I could really begin to understand all I'd seen. I decided [illegible] to [illegible] your [illegible] specimen [illegible] to CC [illegible] as I understand it.

1797 C1.3 CC1 closest contenders are the McClure & McGregor specimens
C2.2 CC1 or 2 only competition is the McClure specimen which I found is available
C3.1 CC1 } Type collections [illegible] slightly better [illegible] but I
C4.1 CC1 } know [illegible] better
1794 C1a.1 CC1 Unquestioned Finest
C2a.1 CC1. You should enjoy comparing [illegible] the Hanson specimen
C3a.3 CC1 By a mile
C4a.5 CC2 or 3 McGregor specimen is [illegible]
C5a.2 CC4 behind the Harrison, [illegible] JRM [illegible]
C6a.2 CC [illegible] is Napier [illegible] CC1 or 2 but probably [illegible] behind the Brobston (New York), Rawlins Cohen, The [illegible] The [illegible] specimen is just [illegible]
C7.4 CC1
C8.3 CC4 behind the Brobston Partrick, F. Burkhardt, P. C. Hanson [illegible]
C9.3 Probably CC1 [illegible] better [illegible]
1795 C1.2 This is a great [illegible] specimen [illegible] finest [illegible]. The only contenders are the Mills-Bierhard-JRM, + Garrett Nuttzgen [illegible]
C2a.2 CC1 Contender is the Grote [illegible] Type [illegible]
C3.4 CC1 or 2 The only contender is the Dupont Hanson [illegible]
C4.2 Contenders for CC1 RSC has [illegible] JRM has one P. Hanson has [illegible]
C5a.6 CC1 I would not [illegible] Hanson's comment to the [illegible] CC2 or 3
C5b JRM [illegible] better [illegible]
C6a.4 CC1 You'd be [illegible] for [illegible] Hanson is even found
1796 C1.2 CC1 CC2 Elasbury CC3 your [illegible] to JRM.
C2.2 CC1 Only contender is the Partrick specimen

1797 C1.2 CC 1, 2 or 3 Hanson's the Duc's may or may not be better. I know of no other contenders.

C2.11 CC1 The Gaskell Nuttzger = CC2 and the 1797 C2.8 = CC3

C3a.3 CC1 3a.2 is a close contender

C3b.3 CC2 or 3 The Hanson case = CC1

C3c.2 CC2

1800 A condition covers for the variety is useless and impossible to compile

1801 C1.4 CC1 only contender you haven't seen are the Norwich P Dipont-KH A

C2.7 CC1. As I showed you [illegible] well known for [illegible] CC [illegible] I'd like to compare it with [illegible]!

1803 C1.6 The variety was just not plated in the normal Chapman sales (except Alwood) This is CC1 or misses out by a TAD

C2.3 CC1 There cut to be a better one, but there isn't

C3.3 Probably CC1 May be the Jack — it just [illegible]

C4.3 CC1 or 2 Hanson's may be CC1

1804 C1.7 CC3

C2.2 CC1

C4.3 CC5 [illegible], C. Goodridge [illegible] Bristol — Norwich, P.F. — JRM are 1—4

C5.2 CC6 or less

C6.14 CC1 I am unaware of [illegible] other MS [illegible] may exist

C7.3 CC5 to 10 or less

C8.6 CC 1, 2, 3 or 4. I'd love to see the others Hanson, Beale, + Patrick

C9.1 CC1

C10.5 I know of no better one, but better one may exist.

C11.3 Roger lists 2 unc's + 2 AV's, but I haven't seen or heard of them directly

C12.4 CC1

C13.5 May still be CC1 even though I didn't think it was [illegible]

1805 C1.1 May be CC1 JRM bought him from RSC, who preferred the [illegible] he kept + JRM's is a thing to yours. Most whist players preferred JRM's to RSC's. The JRM color is Ex & KP so yours is better than either ~~[illegible]~~ RSC or JRM

C2.2 CC1

C3.3 CC1 C3.4 = CC2, 3 or 4

C4.4 CC1 Even Hanson agrees!

March 1, 1987
1110C University Village
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Dear Ted,
Thanks again for letting me see your collection. You really do the rest of us a terrific service by letting us know what top-grade coins look like. For example, by seeing the planchet flaws on MS 63 1793's, one can have some idea of what a VF 30 will look like. We also have an idea of what parts of the design are typically well or poorly struck. Pete Smith is pursuing many of these sorts of things in his study of Turban Cents (1808-1814), and I predict he'll be one of the top cent scholars in the next few decades (if he remains interested in cents).

Back in October I handed 1/3 or so of John Wright's manuscript to a secretary I know in Ann Arbor, to put and paid her to type it up and put it on a disk compatible w. John's computer and word-processing program. She recently completed the book, and John may have it completed by EAC! What do you think of that?

Answers to your questions:

1. The Jay coin is crossed out because I discovered that the Jay coin is actually the 1794 CMM 5b Ex WKR - W. Weber. It is also my opinion that is was earlier Ex Brobston since a number of Jay coins were Ex Brobston. We can tell by going to stacks and looking at their photographic file of the Brobston sale. Brobston definitely bought 1/2's from the Eaton sale, so it may have been Eaton - Brobston - Jay - X - WKR - W. Weber.

2. The notation WKR - W. Weber on p 110 means that that is Bill Wakin's coin plated.

3. The Allenburger 1794 CMM #9 (p. 118 big Picture) is the last one listed on p. 119 as Bement - Allenburger - Bareford - Halpern - Larry Stack collection.

4. The 1797 CMM 3c (your 1797.3c.3) was in a collection, Urgeir, that Hanson did not know about at the time he compiled the condition census for the encyclopedia. This does prove Roger's point

that Walter & Hansen did have Roger's 2nd edition in front of them when they wrote the encyclopedia as they listed your 1802. C1.4 which they'd never seen nor had the coin been previously photographed and yet the nick on the rev. was mentioned.

5. TT1, TT2 & etc Refer to the Top Ten listings that Roger & Ron Guth put together and published in Penny Wise.

6. Does the notation on p 200 T&H/W.W. indicate the Obv of RT&H/rev W. Weber. Yes.

Any pedigree information you can provide would be greatly appreciated. I've scanned the showers listing as well as the Col. Green holdings. It's too bad photographs were not made of more of Green's coins, but that's life. I was amazed to see a 1795 G7 (CMM3) in VRC, on the Green list and wondered why you hadn't shown me a coin that would be FK by a country mile, later I realized it's the VF you sold or traded to JRM! And so much for grading standards back when! When you contact Jon Hansen next, you may have him ~~explain~~ list the coins better than those in the Showers collection that were listed by him as 2nd or 3rd finest, esp. those for which you, RSC, or I know of no better specimen. I mean to tell you, if he got a couple thousand back in 1876 to tell where coins ranked, you'd think he'd list the coins as finest known if they were at all (so they'd bring more money).

If I'm a good boy and get a lot of work done, I may come to Dallas for EAC. It will probably be a while before I get another ~~big~~ dose of pedigree information straightened out, so don't expect much in Dallas.

Del Bland sent me a list of the top V2's in the Byron Reed bequest to the Omaha City Library. They're listed on the next page.

1796 G-1 VF-25, 35 scratches on obv Ex. Parmlee sale, 1890

1828 G-3 MS 63

1831 ~~G-3~~ 2nd Restrike, rev of 1856, Proof 60+ (Accom you lack)

1836 " " " " 60, a couple nicks

1840 G-1 EF 40, 60, but cleaned, recolored, w. carbon spot, rough flan

1841 G-1 Proof 55

1842 1st Restrike Proof 60+

1843 1st restrike Proof 60+

1844 2nd " " 60

1845 " " " 60+

1846 " " " 60

1847 " " " 60+

1848 1st " " 63

1852 2nd " " 60+ with die file marks over RICA in contrast to W. Breen's notes of 1st restrike - 3 Known (It's still the rare one)

1856 Proof 55

1856 ½ ¢ pattern in 4U. Del did not see the coin

1893 G-2 (CMM4) Ex Clean ex; 1936 as AU-50, this is one of the two listed by G-I-H as better than your 1793 C-4. !

By being Tetlow horst, it seem to me, you can get away for a while from being B.E. I doubt if it's exactly like The Prince and The Pauper, but close. I heard that Woodrow Wilson's daughters eluded their secret service guards (or whatever they were called then) and had a great time going through the White House as tourists.

Yours

P.S. I wrote the other letter first, but am mailing both together.

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March 6, 1987

ERIC NEWMAN

Attached are a few items:

1) Frank Wilkinson's hotel bill -- I think EPNNES has already paid him for this, but you asked him for the bill "in due course" in support for the payment.

2) Two letters and a postcard from Frank -- The letter dated February 24th contains his listing of the condition census ranking of some of the coins in MOCAB. I will review these in due course to see if I agree. He also encloses a list of the coins in two other significant half-cent collections. I believe the condition census ranking, together with the grading done on the EPNNES coins, fully justifies having had him down here.

3) A reference to the poster you have in your office which appears in the new 1986 Anheusur-Busch annual report.

BERNARD EDISON

mb
Attachments

March 23, 1987
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Dear Tett,

Thanks for bringing several of your 1/2¢'s to EAC and allowing me to photograph them. I'm having the negatives developed and should know by the weekend how they came out. This or the next weekend I'll go to Detroit to photograph Dr Lee's collection. Saturday at EAC I photographed a few coins for sale as well as all that W. Weber had with him. There wasn't enough time for me to just look at the coins and enjoy them.

Jim McGuigan has an 1804 C13 for sale that is not well struck, but ~~it~~ is MS 65 (half red) with full cartwheel for about $1000. It is the best one I have seen. (When I saw you in St. Louis I said I'd let you know when a coin I considered FK came on the market; I'm letting you know).

W. Weber bought the 1804 C11 in the EAC for $350. JAM bought the 1826 C2 w. the 2¢ break for $1500.

Did you put the information about the 1854 copper nickel proof under my door at EAC? I didn't find the data.

Give my regards to all.

Frank Wilkinson

P.S. Jim + Roger each claim to have a slightly better 1804 #13.

R. TETTENHORST
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Apr. 25, 1987.

Dear Frank,

Thanks for your note and the information it contained. Hope your photos came out well.

I did not put the info about the 1854 C-N under your door because I had forgotten to bring it. Intended to, but forgot. It is enclosed. Please do not show this to anyone until after the Norweb specimen has been analyzed and sold. If it also turns out not to be copper-nickel, I will write an article for PW about the un-discovery of a variety, and would like not to give away any more info until then. I did inform both Roger and Walter about the Spence specimen. Walter referred to my experience (almost correctly) in his book. I returned the

coin, and it is I, not the owner, who have sought the Farouk specimen for the past twelve years. Incidentally, Eric described the enclosed results in a letter to George Fuld in Feb, 1985, before Kagins re-offered the coin. By the way, because of my long search, and because "Woodin - Brenner - Boyd - Farouk - Randell - Norweb specimen" is quite a mouthful, I refer to this one as the Matthew VII - 7 specimen.

Regards,

Tett

September 7, 1987
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East Lansing, Michigana 48823

Dear Tett,

Thanks for getting Eric to talk at EAC. I heard from both John Wright and Jim McGuigan that Eric did a great job.

As you know, I enjoy tracing the pedigrees of half cents, and I must say the information you gave me about the half cents from the Green collection really piqued my curiosity. It is my opinion that Green's coins went all over even though no collection was ever marketed as The Green Collection.

You gave me two lists: The first listed the number of coins per date, but only for the better dates. According to that list, Col. Green owned nine 1831 half cents, and this was probably after FCC Boyd, and possibly others, got into the Green holdings. Roger Cohen thinks there are from 50 to 75 1831 half cents of all three varieties. So, I can imagine he owned a significant portion of all topnotch half cents. The second list had several coins attributed to Gilbert, and it appeared as if there was an equal division (by value) of the half cents. Eric Newman got the one part, but I haven't figured out yet who got the other half. Do you think Eric knows? It is my opinion that some of the coins in the group Eric didn't originally get eventually made it into your collection-the red 1794 G-9 red unc. and the 1803 red unc. sound to me like the Showers coins (The only 1794 G-9 and 1803's I know of in red unc. are in your collection.)

Debbie Cohen was the first I know of to suggest the the Dupont Collection of 1954 was actually part of the estate of Sylvia Wilkes, the sister of Col. Green. It is my opinion that she also collected coins and added very few coins to the collection after her brother died in 1936. Upon careful reading of the Dupont catalogue, it is obvious that all of the material had been in the Green collection. Roger and I are of the opinion that the Dupont coins went to a Mr. Dillon Anderson of Houston, Texas for services rendered during the Green Estate Case, which was held before a Special Master of the US Supreme Court. I recently wrote Mr. Anderson, and received a cordial note from his widow.

we think he got the c.l. after sylvia died in 1951.

I am also of the opinion that the Hilyer Ryder Collection was owned by Col. Green (Basically I think any great US coin that cannot be definitively traced to another collection was likely in the Green Collection.) Eric mentioned that Wayte Raymond was Green's principal source for coins; we know Mr. Raymond also sold the Ryder coins. According to Breen, Wayte Raymond got the Ryder coins in 1943 or 44 after residing in the Ryder estate for fifteen years or so. Ryder died in ~~1927~~ or 28 (I don't have my notes with me at the lab). It is my opinion that the Ryder cents and half cents may well have gone into and come out of the Green collection as a lot. I base my surmise on two facts: Raymond acquired the Ryder coins shortly after Burdette G. Johnson started selling off the Green hoard and there has never been, to my knowledge, a Ryder sale of colonial coins even though he wrote the definitive work on Vermonts. and Mass. coppers. probably

B. Max Mehl bought the Newcomer collection in ~~the early 1920's~~ 1931 for $250,000. A number EHR got the Newcomer

of coins, Ex Newcomer reappeared, in the Dupont sale, and it is known that Green's 1804 dollar is Ex Newcomer. So, I am also of the opinion that Green bought the Newcomer collection from Mr. Mehl.

Brasher Doubloon & 1794 the 1870S dollar in Unc.

Does the Showers Catalogue by Stack's include many pedigrees? The Hansen listing for Flynn has very few. Is Mr. Showers still alive? He had a fabulous collection. Learning where he bought his coins would fill in numerous gaps.

I paid a young woman I know from church who lives in Mass. to do some research for me. She got copies of the documents about the Green estate which was probated in Bristol, Mass. The numismatic collection was appraised at $614,485.82, which may well have been the face value of the coins! I looked up the Supreme Court decision of the Green Estate Case at the Univ. of Michigan Law Library. They do not have a copy of the testimony for the case, which is understandable considering that testimony was heard before Special Master Owen for two years and they established where Green was for nearly every day from Jan. 1, 1900 until he died in 1936. A Mr. Dillon Anderson performed that herculean task. I can imagine that copies of his correspondence with coin collectors and coin dealers are included in the court records (The U of M library does have on microfilm the testimony for most of the cases heard before the Supreme Court, but I figured the Green data would be like 20,000 pages or so.)

Now to the important stuff. I hope the Tigers and Cardinals make it to the World Series. What do you think?

Hope to see you at the Norweb sale.

Best regards,

Frank

Frank Wilkinson

P.S. Please ask Eric if he knew Sylvia Green Wilkes & if she had a collection of coins.

YEAR	C.VAR	D/S	LIST GRADE	F.W. GRADE	BUY DATE	COMMENTS / PEDIGREE
1793	1	II	45	40	8107	Pedigree to be established
	1	IV	63	55	8407	CC3, CC1 by 10 pts w/ rimbrk. Knightsbridge
	2	I	45	40	8211	Shimkus
	3	II	65	60	8406	TJClarke-CWilliams-WBareford-JReiver
	4	II	30	20	7609	FW suggested purchase. Boozer-Weaver
1794	1A	II	60	53	8212	Shimkus
	1B	II	35	30	8605	England-D.Palmer
	2A	I	40	35	8104	Erlichman
	2B	I	7	4	8505	Boisvert
	3A	II	15	8		C.Houston
	4A	III	65	63	8201	Forman CC1
	4B	II	12	8	8212	CC4 of 4. Guth-Shimkus
	5A	I	55	45	8602	CC3 or 4. Geiss-XYZ-BStowe
	6A	III	12	7	7808	NN56 #2-FRussell-FEW-JRM lower rt. rev weak
	7	I	40	30	8302	Ex Jack Robinson, earlier in a Spinks sale
	8	IV	30	15	8301	Brobston-TKatman
	9	IV	65	60	8201	Forman This and 4A earlier Ex an Elder sale
1795	1	II	63	63	8603	CWilliams-WBareford-JReiver-Stack's-Halpern-Stack's #788
	2A	I	60	50	8307	Stack's #520
	2B	IV	15	10	8301	Brobston-TKatman CC4
	3	I	30	20	8204	EHRGreen-ENewman-RTett CC3 Unc on Green inventory
	4	II	60	50	7509	Brobston-Miles-Stack's #6 CC4-7
	5A	II	50	45	8107	B&M #1758
	5B	II	65	65	8007	Dr.CBolt-KGoldman-G.Szyrtl CC1 overstruck on S-76B
	6A		7		8303	overstruck on S-26
	6A	II	60	53	8609	Superior #3012
	6B	II	40	30	8508	NN 154 #1623-XYZ-Boisvert overstruck on S-78 CC1 by 15 pts
1796	1	II	60	55	8204	VBrand-EHRGreen-ADupont-TAD-RTett-JRM
	2	I	65	60	8204	Ex Ketterman RT only financed the purchase CC2 or 3
1797	1	I	40	DNG	7611	Ex WKR on TAL
	1	IX	45	40	7711	B&M 2048
	2	IV	55	45	8601	B&M #1334 chicken scratches planchet(CC3) CC7 overall
	2	IV	40	DNG	8509	Superior #121 CC3 on TAL
	3A	V	40	30	8211	Shimkus CC4-7
	3B	II	30	25	8104	NN 56-Miles-Fenn-Braunworth-Erlichman CC4-7
1800	1		8	DNG		Overstruck on a large cent
	1	III	65	65	8105	1980 ANA #910-Lone Star at a $2000 loss FW suggested purchase
1802	1		8	7	8312	Lauder #250
	2	IV	25	15	7311	Ex Jess Peters "A prototype 15"
	2		8	DNG	8504	Harmer-Rooke #7
1803	1	VI	62	55	7807	Teaparty
	2	III	10	DNG	8009	Superior #82
	2	VI	20	20	7606	Ex Guth First and Finest known of die state
	2	VII	20	18	8702	B&M #2462
	3	VIII	55	DNG	8206	Ex Terranova I think it's a 50
	4	II	40	DNG	8205	Stack's May be less than a 35.

1804	1	II	45	40	7903	Ex WKR Cleaned, retoned steel, nice. I nearly bought it in 1978
	2	II	6	4	7812	Ex Loring CC 5 at best
	4	I	30	25	7512	Ex K Pines CC 3 to 5
	5	I	55	50	7904	St. Claire CC 5 at best
	5	V	30	DNG	7408	Ex WRTS
	6	IV	45	DNG	7907	Borckardt
	6	V	45	DNG	8112	Elder
	6	VII	25	DNG	7707	R Gross
	6	IX	40	DNG	8103	Rowe
	6	X	50	DNG	8003	J Marcelli
	6	XI	45	DNG	7911	G Braig
	6	XIII	50	DNG	7911	G Braig by trade
	6	XIV	40	DNG	7408	Ex WRTS
	6	XV	55	DNG	7907	M Levy
	7	III	55	50	8104	Ex John Wright by trade CC1 or 2 minor clip
	7	VI	30	DNG	7407	WRTSmith EF scratched and recolored
	7	VIII	12	DNG	8105	EAC Dallas
	8	IV	63	DNG	8406	A Kruizer
	8	VII	45	DNG	7511	Paramount #8
	8	V	61	DNG	8410	Stack's #437
	9	III	65	60	7903	Ex WKR CC3 to 6
	9	VII	63	55	7905	J Kern In Top Ten
	10	I	65	DNG	8101	J Leidman maybe Ex Tett
	11	V	40	DNG	7910	W Weber, who has several great ones!
	12	I	65	63	7904	WKR-DBland-JRM
	13	III	65	60	8103	Ex Tett
	13		30	DNG	7608	J Lusk rev. brockage
1805	1	I	65	63	8003	RT-WKR-RSC-JRM possible CC 1 even though RT and RSC prefer their own
	2	II	12	10	7604	Brobston-Showers-Flynn-JRM RT never owned this one
	3	II	12	DNG	8505	Stack's #73
	4	VI	55	DNG	8604	Stack's #35
1806	1	II	65	63	8106	Tett
	2	III	55	45	8505	Tett possibly Ex EHR Green
	3	II	10	7	7512	M Stutt
	3	IV	7	5	7512	M Stutt cherried both of these at the same show!
	4	II	65	65	7907	J Baymer
1807	1	III	63	60	8409	MARCA #44
1808	2	I	35	30	7310	Carolina Coin
	3	I	55	50	7901	Payette
1809	1	II	40	35	78xx	J Guilde CC1 tie w RSC
	2	III	55	50	7503	Dupont-Lorence #841 Unc, but scratched
	3	III	65	DNG	8101	Tett
	4	II	63	DNG	7506	Ex WKR
	5	III	65	DNG	8201	Ex D Bland
	6	II	60	DNG	7307	Ex WRT Smith
1810	1	III	65	63	800X	R Shalowitz partial trade for EF 40 S-94
1811	1	I	20	DNG	7511	
	1	V	50	40	8209	D Bland slightly better than 40
	2	II	45	40	8101	J Leidman
	M	RS	65	63	8506	Terranova I forget the pedigree Ex Showers

1825	1	III	63		8507	Stack's #1511 A 63 with a mark on the face and red CC1 or 2
	2	III	60	55	8611	Siegal w6
1826	1	IV	65	DNG	8312	Lauder #276
	2	II	45	45	7507	Republic
	2	V	30	25	8311	X-Borckardt-S Fischer-JRM
1828	1	II	65	65	7704	Paramount #33 Better than Tett's may be CC1
	2	II	65	DNG	8509	Superior #188
	3	III	65	65	7902	Le Blanc
1829	1	III	65	DNG	8405	G Harris
1831	1		65	60	8401	Brobston-Century-L Rogers-G Harris-JRM
1832	1	I	63	DNG		T Werner
	2	I	65	DNG	8101	Tett
	2	PR	65	DNG	8408	Jelenski (Essex) Ex showers
	3	II	63	DNG	8312	Lauder #282
1833	1	IV	63	DNG	7812	S Weinberg
1834	1	Pr	67	67	8203	W Weber in trade for an AU 1794 #9
	1		67	DNG	7906	Fitzgerald
1835	1		67	DNG	8106	Superior #22
	2		67	DNG	8606	Stack's #2
1836	Orig	Pr	65	DNG	9211	Tett
1840	Orig	Pr	65	DNG	8603	D Voccia
	2 R	Pr	65	DNG	8702	A Lustig
1843	Orig	Pr	66	DNG	8407	G Harris
1846	Orig	Pr	65	DNG	8603	D Voccia
1847	Orig	Pr	65	DNG	8603	D Voccia
1848	1 R	Pr	66	DNG	8508	J Leidman
1849	1 R	Pr	66	DNG	8407	Tower
	1	II	63	DNG	8302	ANA Ivy #62
1850	1	II	63	DNG	8307	F Borcherdt
1851	1	III	65	DNG	8201	Kruger #1011
1852	1 R	Pr	64	DNG	8508	ANA Heritage #47
1853	1	III	63	DNG	8212	Ivy #17
1854	1	I	63	DNG	8005	Steinmetz
	2B		63	DNG	8610	Gold
1855	1	II	66	DNG	8101	Leisman
1856	B2A		67	DNG	7904	Deleware Valley
	B2C	Pr	65	DNG	8610	Stack's #5
1857	1		63	DNG	8005	Steinmetz
	2B	Pr	66	DNG	8610	Chermesino

8/1/87

Dear Tett,

It was good to talk last night, and I do hope Eric is willing to talk at ANA for the EAC'ers this year.

Gene Breig made notes on the McGuigan collection when we saw it July 4th weekend. Jim has put commercial grades on his envelopes, and Gene wondered what I thought of the grades. I put this info on the computer at John Wright's and thought you might like a copy. I doubt if J. would be too insulted Knowing what I think of his grading, but I'd rather I show him the list myself, if he sees it at all. A number of these coins were ~~previously~~ bought from you, and any pedigree corrections you can provide would be appreciated. For instance, is my comment on the 1796 C2 correct? The term DNG means Did Not Grade. And XYZ in a pedigree stands for intermediaries whose names I do not know.

The weather here has been hot ~~by~~ by Michigan standards, but still not like Indianapolis, let alone St. Louis. It's been above 90 ten or fifteen times, while it usually doesn't get much above 85.

I got a copy of the ½¢ list by Ostiguy and Masuoka, and a number of nice half cents were reported that we hadn't heard of. I think it's great this information is being assembled.

Say hello to Eric, Rose and your very beautiful wife

God bless all,

Frank Williamson

September 22, 1987 4 p.m.

B. E.:

Frank Wilkinson called and left a message on my phone mail. He said he had been to see you re coins in February. Eric told him to give us phone numbers where he could be reached:

Office: 517 353-8844

Home: 517 355-5854

rmt

April 2, 1988

303 West Oak St
West Lafayette, IN 47906

Dear Tetty

I have moved again. This time to my undergrad school, Purdue. I hope to be here longer than I was at my previous two jobs. All is well here, and I'm getting used to the "new" town (the many of the people from 15 years ago are gone).

I'll be up front. Roger and I would like to put out a book on half cents that would contain data near every thing: emission sequence, rarity, die descriptions, die states, history, and condition census with pedigrees. And for this last, we'd like to have photographs of as many top grade half cents as we can. Thus far I have photographed the RSC, IRM, G. Braig, & Dr. W. Lee collections. I would like to photograph your collection if at all possible, which would include the proof only years. ~~I photograp~~ traveled to the four fellows' homes for a weekend session, got the camera set up, and if all went well, photographed a maximum of 150 coins in one day (Dr. Lee's was unusual 8:00 PM to 2:00 AM & had to drive back in a snowstorm and gave a lab seminar the next day). The camera is John Wright's, and when he goes along, the shooting is superb. When I'm alone, it's B+ work.

I dont know if you got a set of prints from when Jack Collins / John Hansen came, but I deliver prints to the collector for $1.00 each (since most coins have 2 sides, that $2.00 per coin). I've included some samples of my (out)work so you can have an idea of how they'd likely turn out. On the IRM trip (see the 1794 C4a) John went along. on the Doc Lee trip, I went alone. This 1811 C-1 is listed in Breen as being CC-1 w. the break but is actually CC-3 or 4. The 1811 would have looked better, but the print if was not good (too dark).

You may be interested in some of my results thus far: The emission sequence for the early varieties of 1804 in Breen & Cohen II is wrong. It should be C#, C2, C1, C5 → The W Weber 1804 C2 has an earlier break than is found on any C1. The only real question remaining on this reverse is whether the late state 1803 C3 was after the latest 1804 C1. RSC says yes. I'm skeptical. It's fun.

Another is that the 1793 C1 is much commoner in EF 40 than I had ever realized. I have photos of 2 AU's (both JRM) & 4 EF's. One of the EF's is the Alvord coin w. the break (your Dupont coin w.o. the break was also Ex Alvord as I recall). On the other hand, the 1793 C2 and C4 are tough to find nice with the former being the most difficult of the year.

Spring is here, and in a week or two the Tigers are going to once again make fools of those baseball experts who picked them 5th in the AL East. The Tigers had the best starting rotation in the majors last year, and they should be as good or better. I also predict Hernandez will do quite well this year from the pen.

Best regards,
Frank Wilkinson

Dear Frank: Yes, I would be pleased to coöperate with your project and let you photograph my coins. Would probably buy a set of the pictures, if they were reasonably good. Lets work out the dates at EAC, if you are there. I will be out of the country from Apr. 28 to May 17.

Glad you are happy with your new job. Agree about the Tigers. The Cards have a tough challenge from the Mets, but have an edge in manager and quality of fan support. If you come here when the Cards are in town, we will go to a game. Tell

avail 6/25-26
Except eve of 25th
7/23-24 End of ANA
8/6-7 (no Fri)
8/20-21
9/10-11 or any
later week-end in Sept

June 1, 1988

303 West Oak Street
West Lafayette, IN 47906

Dear Tett,

I talked w. John Wright briefly this evening, and he is interested in helping me photograph your half cents. It would be most convenient for us to photograph your coins on a weekend, and a long weekend like a holiday weekend on July 4th would be most convenient for both of us as I'm a new employee who probably hasn't earned any vacation yet and John used 3 4 weeks in Hawaii prior to the EAC meeting in L.A. John would also love to see any large cents you &/or Eric ~~own~~ own, if that could be arranged.

I am interested in photographing virtually all the coins we saw together when I was there in Feb 1987 as well as the coins you since acquired as well as your proof only issues, your late dates (which we didn't have time to see) and some of your "other" half cents like the 1796 Dr Edwards Copies. I'll be happy to photograph any thing else you're interested in having a photo of.

I clipped this article from the Chicago Tribune, which I thought you might like. It seems to me as if Joe DiMaggio is still a really classy fellow.

Best regards,

Frank

PS The Norweb 1795 C5b which Roger bought was earlier in a mail bid sale by Wayte Raymond of some "Hilyer Ryder" coins, all of which I believe were Ex Col. Green.

R. TETTENHORST
P. O. Box 14020
Saint Louis, Missouri 63178

June 6, 1988

Dear Frank,

Glad to get your letter, and look forward to seeing you and John whenever we can work it out.

Problem: Both of the next three-day weekends Marilyn and I are going to be out of town. (July 4 Labor Day) Weekends are fine, and I can usually tie in part of Friday and/or Monday to be available. If we set it up in advance, I can work 14-16 hrs per weekend day, so we should have some time available.

Weekends that are currently available for me are as follows: June 25-26 <except evening of 25th>
July 23-24 <end of ANA>
Aug 6-7 <no Friday>
Aug 20-21
Sept. 10-11, or any later weekend in Sept.

John can certainly see my large cards, and undoubtedly Eric's, as well.

Thanks for the Dimaggio clipping. I enjoyed it. Also the info on Rogers 95C5b.

Hope we can get together soon.

Tett

June 13, 1988
303 West Oak St.
West Lafayette, IN 47906

Dear Ted,

I talked w John Wright over the weekend at the Indian state show, and he wants to help. We had several unfavorable dates between us (mostly me), and the earliest we could come would be Aug 20-21 or Sept 10-11. I'll let you know if either of those dates is good for both us about 4-6 wks. in advance.

John suggested I write to let you know the June, July & early August dates were unfavorable so you could make other plans. We are both anxiously awaiting the trip.

Best regards,
Frank Wilkinson

recd. 6-22

6/18/88
303 W Oak St
W Lafe, IN 47986

Jeff,

I wrote the following article for Penny-Wise and want you to have a copy. I am sending Eric a copy separately for any comments he may have

Hope to see you soon

Best regards,

Frank

Who Was Anderson - Dupont?

This is a question that has intrigued numismatists since Stack's sold the collection in November, 1954. Walter Breen in his Encyclopedia of Half Cents says that Charles Anderson and Charles Dupont obtained the collection for Stack's and that the collection had been formed by a reclusive variety specialist from the Worchester, Mass. area[1]. John Adams says that "Anderson was a Worchester, Massachusetts antique dealer, and Dupont was an appraiser from the same area. The collection was formed by someone else and resold by the two men whose name it bears."[2] Del Bland says that Charles Dupont is alive and well in Arizona and he hopes to visit Dupont soon.[3] I suppose the original question should have been, "who formed the Dupont collection?" The answer to this is Col. E.H.R. Green with possibly a few pieces from the Brand hoard. Here is how I arrived at this conclusion.

First of all a large group of coins and paper money arrived in St. Louis for Burdette G. Johnson to sell in ~1943 a mere seven years after the Colonel had died[4], secondly the minor coins were current through 1943, except for the dimes, so no real additions were made after the set was assembled and sold. Thirdly Green is the final name in a number of pedigrees, although the cataloguer did not list nearly as many pedigrees as current numismatists would have liked. A few unusual illustrations might be instructive. The 1796 with pole half cent is listed as being the "McCoy - Levick - Zanoni - Miller - Newcomb - Green coin. A real prize." (And it is!) The next lot a 1796 No Pole is said to have come from the Brand collection at $800 and has a curious note after the coin's description:

"Note. It would be our fondest wish to see these two coins stay together in a single collection. It would be a shame if such a pair were to be separated after so many years ....." It sounds to me as if the coins had been together at least 15 to 30 years.

The next example is lot 2551, the mint state 1870 s silver dollar. The pedigree is listed as "Originally $2150 was paid for it to B.G. Johnson many years ago; it had earlier been in the Col E.H.R. Green estate 1942." Again I am curious as to how long ago many years ago meant. I think what the catalogue meant was. Col. Green paid Johnson $2150 for this unequalled beauty many years ago, thence to the estate collection in 1942. In further describing the same coin, Stacks goes on to say, "There are only two others that can be called even Extremely Fine. One of these is in the James Stack collection, and cost him $2250 around 1944." I'm convinced the $2150 "Originally" paid by Col. Green for his mint state 1870 s dollar was many years before 1942.

The last example should be the clincher. Lot 1531 of the Norweb sale, an 1820 one sided proof quarter lists another specimen with the following pedigree: Browning collection - Browning ~~Collection~~ plate coin - C.I.E.H.R. Green - you guessed it Anderson-Dupont lot 1793 Well, I'd already learned that Col. Green had purchased, among other collections, the Browning collection of quarters. But it is nice that Walter Breen and Bowers and Merena Inc. confirm that a coin definitely owned by Col. Green reappeared in a collection that was mostly his coins.

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. It is my opinion that Burdette G. Johnson of St. Louis formed the Anderson-Dupont collection in 1943 principally with coins from the Green collection and a few from that of Virgil Brand as Johnson was also selling coins for Virgil Brand's brother Herman Louis Phillip." I did know for sure who Johnson sold the collection to; it doesn't really matter on that person added little, if anything, to the collection. They also had little contact with other collectors as we in EAC ~~interact~~ do.

As a note in passing, it is my opinion that in addition to the Browning quarters, Col Green also bought the Commodore Eaton collection of half cents, most if not all of the Waldo Newcomer collection of US coins from Max Mehl, as well as the Hillyer Ryder collection of coppers. This latter goes against current thought that Wayte Raymond bought the Ryder coins from the Ryder estate in 1944 which was one year after BG Johnson bought the Green collection and sixteen years after Hilyer Ryder had died. Well, have any of you heard of the sale of the Hilyer Ryder Vermonts and Massachusetts coppers? He wrote the still standard references for both series. Also, the fellow who supplied me with the 1943 date for the acquisition of the Green collection bought about half of the ~~collection~~ coppers collection including some fabulous Mass. coppers and some pretty nice Vermonts. Additionally, this same collector gave me a list of half cents that 'got away," and the 1793's on the list fit the description of those in the 1945 sale of the Hilyer Ryder collection.

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Anyone interested in Col. Green should read Arthur H. Lewis' the day they shook the plum tree (1963) by Harcourt Brace & World

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4 Sales files of Burdette G. Johnson

R. TETTENHORST
P. O. Box 14020
Saint Louis, Missouri 63178

June 23, 1988

Mr. Frank Wilkinson
303 W. Oak Street
West Lafayette, IN 47906

Dear Frank:

Thanks for the article on the Anderson/Dupont coins. It is fascinating. Of course, Eric would be the ideal source of comment on this, because of his familiarity with Burdette Johnson and his role with respect to the Col. Green collection.

I am enclosing a copy of an article I just wrote for Penny-Wise on the Dr. Edwards copies. As you can see, there is a puzzling question regarding the planchets.

I look forward to seeing you and John when you can get over here. I hope to see you at ANA, given its proximity to your new residence.

Sincerely,

R. Tettenhorst

enclosure

Frank Wilkinson
August 6, 1988
303 West Oak Street
West Lafayette, IN 47906

rec'd 8-10

Dear Tettie,

I enjoyed seeing you and Eric at ANA. The picture on Col Green's collection is clearing up. I doubt if we'll ever know its true extent as he owned so many coins that have just gone through the woodwork as they weren't considered significant enough to record in those days.

John and I will not be able to visit you until mid-September, the weekend of the 17th-18th at the earliest. Please let me know which weekends in September are all right for you.

The Harriman 1794 C5a was on display at RARCOH's table at the ANA. I thought it was an AU 50*. I think it has been cleaned at one time. It may be CC1. Lester Merkin sold a nice one that has a lint mark on the rev I do not know the whereabouts of the Merkin coin.

Hope to see you soon

Best regards,
Frank Wilkinson

Sept 17/18
OCT 1/2
(wrote 8-14)

[illegible]

Dear Tom,

I [illegible]. I hope [illegible].

[illegible] a great deal [illegible]. [illegible] C [illegible] But he does not have access to the collection as he will [illegible] divorce [illegible] and [illegible] Brett Colen [illegible] page [illegible] [illegible] the divorce settlement [illegible] each year (for tax purposes). [illegible] the collection.

Mine 40
His 60

[illegible] will be playing [illegible].

[illegible]

I have a copy [illegible] The Day They Shook the Plum Tree
[illegible] Pulitzer Prize [illegible] I'm sure the whole country [illegible]
[illegible] collect of [illegible] and how the [illegible] were sold. The book
has [illegible] in the [illegible], but I do enclose the [illegible]
[illegible] in the [illegible]. We should find them in a few weeks.

[illegible] stories on the Clapp [illegible] are fascinating
& helpful. I'll [illegible] that some of the [illegible]
Dad collected [illegible] [illegible] the Clapp, Newcomer,
Sheldon [illegible] the super [illegible] before [illegible] the
balance of the Green [illegible]. Other [illegible] [illegible]
also have gotten away.

[illegible]

Best wishes,

Frances Hutchinson

R. TETTENHORST
P. O. Box 14020
Saint Louis, Missouri 63178

September 7, 1988

Mr. Frank Wilkinson
303 West Oak Street
West Lafayette, IN 47906

Dear Frank:

I have not heard from you confirming whether or not you and John are coming the weekend of September 17/18. My weekend is beginning to fill up somewhat. Please let me know as quickly as you can whether you are coming.

Also, would it be possible for you to come on Friday evening? I am looking forward to seeing you--whenever.

me

F.W. did come to St. Louis on 8-16

September 26, 1988
913 North 20th Street Apt. 6
Lafayette, Indiana 47904

Dear Tett,

I want to profusely thank you for allowing me to photograph your half cents. Roger think we should try to publish our book in 1991, virtually all of the coins I photographed in our three day session will be plated. I feel that if I can photograph the Schienwalter, Goodridge, Reiver, Borcherdt, Yoell Lusk, Weber & Montgomery collections, I'll have photographs of over 80% of the rare variety half cents (I already have virtually all of the top 1803-2 and 1804-2 photographed) Tracking down the type coins will take some doing, but I expect to have photos of 50+% of the type coins.

You may have heard that Roger and Bill Weber made a huge trade in which Roger acquired the 1794 C5b and 1794 C6b

RSC acquired	W. Weber acquired
1794 C3b VG CC2	1794 C3b F15 CC1
1794 C5b VF 25-30 CC1	1794 C6a 11-12 plated in Cohen 1
1794 C6b F12 Unique	1795 C4 VF 20 clipped planchet
1804 C1 EF45-50 plated in Breen	1795 C5 Fine
	1797 C3b VG-F
1804 C5 EF45	1804 C1 55-60 CC1 or 2
1804 C8 AU55	1804 C5 60 CC2 plated in Cohen 2
	1804 C8 65 Ex Ryder plated in Cohen 2 one of top 3.

Somehow or another I failed to photograph your 1795 C6 on cut-down patterns. We'll have to get together sometime and photograph those and any other upgrades you may acquire (as well as those proof 1829's)

I acquired two nice copies of The Day They Shook the Plum tree. Would you like a copy? A copy would be $20.00 including postage.

The photos should be ready in a month or so.

Best regards,

Frank Wilkinson

October 17, 1988

913 N. 20th Street Apt 6
Lafayette, IN 47904

Dear Tett,

I have some bad news, and my embarrassment is complete. Three and a half rolls of film did not turn out so that no photos of the half cents from 1793 through 1804 CS turned out at all. Those negatives were blank. I accept responsibility for the negatives being blank. John and I would like to return to St. Louis and rephotograph these half cents. This photography session should take three to four hours. We would like to come one Saturday at your convenience. If you are amenable to let us try again, I would be most grateful.

Now to the good news. In addition to finding an extra star on the 1826 C1, I can clearly see an extra 8 to the right of the date on the blowup of the 1808 C2. Even my non-numismatist roommate could see it. It also appears that your 1893 2nd restrike Accession #1 (43.3.1) was earlier lot 199 in the Alvord sale.

Enclosed is the article John and I wrote on the 1826 C1. Make any edits as you see fit.

Now to the really important stuff. If the Dodgers go on to win the series, they are a cinch to be called the team of the 80's regardless of what the Mets Cardinals or Tigers do. Who was that guy who was sure the Mets would win all. He also predicted Miami 60 Notre Dame 0.

Best regards.

Frank

Whirlpool CORPORATION

DATE: Oct. 21, 1988

FROM: JOHN WRIGHT

EXT. (616) 926-3308

Dear "RT",

Here are the prints from our 16-18 September photo sessions. We goofed badly on the first day, as all first-day rolls came out blank. A remake of these should take several hours of a Saturday some time at your convenience.

If you would like a remake of the missing prints, please give us a list of the most convenient dates for you and we will pick the earliest date consistent with our own schedule. At a lower priority, I would love to see your large cent collection, too-- and Eric's, if possible.

Enclosed are 441 half cent frames at $1 each plus postage and packing-- say $450. The four large cent frames are gratis.

Thank you again for your hospitality and please accept our apology for the need for a follow-on.

Your friend,

JOHN D. WRIGHT
146[illegible] Drive
St. Joseph, MI 49085

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R. TETTENHORST
P. O. Box 14020
Saint Louis, Missouri 63178

October 26, 1988

John D. Wright
1468 Timberlane Drive
St. Joseph, MI 49085

Dear John:

What a shame! I was certainly sorry to learn from you and Frank that some of the pictures didn't come out. We can work on Saturday, November 19 or Saturday, December 3.

I will be glad to show you my large cents and to ask Eric if he will do the same with his. Del Bland has a full listing of Eric's large cents, which he made last year.

Thanks for the pictures which did come out. My check is enclosed. Hope to see you both soon.

Sincerely,

R. Tettenhorst

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Enclosure

c: Frank Wilkinson - I already have a copy of The Day They Shook the Plum Tree.

FOL 11-17

November 2, 1988
413 N 20th St Apt 2
Lafayette, IN 47904

Dear Tetto,

John and I will be coming to St Louis for a Nov 19 photo session. We'll be driving down on Friday evening and stay at a local motel so we can start reasonably early. John may also have to work on Sunday, so an early morning session would likely help him.

I submitted the article on the 1826 C-1, and I also write an article on the 3 next to the date of the 1818 overdate. Enlarged photos were printed of the appropriate areas of your two coins. You should see these articles before we arrive.

In addition to the coins that didn't turn out, I'd like to make closeups of your 1806 C-1, 1806 C-3, 1826 C-1, and 1808 C-2. I'd also like to photograph anything you may have acquired in the past two months.

I'll enclose a copy of my notes on your coins that appear in Breens Encyclopedia. Anticipating in order in that Roger received a copy of Breens book for 1826-1808 before the book was printed. This copy didn't have photos, but did have a listing of whose coin would be used. We have found very few changes between what they wanted to use and what they did. The point of this is that your name appeared in one or more spots, & your coin isn't in my photo file. The 1806 C-2 definitely went to JRM. . . . You may be amused by the fact that your 1836 Original was plated as a first restrike. Your 1845 2nd restrike was also plated, but the photo was definitely air brushed.

Thanks for letting is come again.

Best regards,

Frank McClinson

R. TETTENHORST
P. O. Box 14020
Saint Louis, Missouri 63178

November 3, 1988

Mr. Frank Wilkinson
913 No. 20th, Apt. 6
Lafayette, IN 47904

Dear Frank:

The weekend of Saturday, December 3 is no longer a good time for me with respect to the photography. However, the weekend of Saturday, November 12 has opened up. There is also a big coin show here that weekend.

The article about the 1826 seems to be very much on target. There is no editing needed as far as I am concerned.

The Dodgers not only won the series, they won it in the most dramatic of fashions. It really was one of the memorable series. The Gibson home run will be remembered, with embellishment, for generations. By the time twenty years has passed, he will be remembered as having been pushed up to the plate in a wheelchair! And, there will be at least 600,000 people in L.A. telling their grandchildren that they were there. Bob Gibson told me once that if everyone had been at the fabulous 1968 World Series game he pitched against the Tigers who has told him they were there, the stadium would have had to seat at least 200,000.

John Tudor was a great competitor for the Cardinals, and I am sorry to see his career potentially shortened by injuries. However, it certainly makes the Guerrero trade look good for the Cardinals at the moment.

See you soon.

Sincerely,

R. Tettenhorst

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c: John Wright

R. TETTENHORST
P. O. Box 14020
Saint Louis, Missouri 63178

November 14, 1988

Mr. Frank Wilkinson
913 North 20th, Apt. 6
Lafayette, IN 47904

Mr. John D. Wright
1468 Timberlane Drive
St. Joseph, MI 49085

Dear Frank and John:

Oops! It's my turn to be sorry. I am going to have to cancel our get-together for this Saturday, November 19, because of something else very important which has come up and cannot be changed.

However, I would still be available on Saturday, December 3, or Saturday, December 10. If either of these days is acceptable to you fellows, please let me know as soon as you can.

My calendar in January is reasonably open at this time except for the Jack Robinson sale, of course.

Sincerely,

me

Whirlpool CORPORATION

DATE: 20 Nov. 1988. rec'd 11-28

FROM: JOHN WRIGHT

EXT. (616) 926-3308

Dear Tett,

Sorry the 19 Nov. date fell thru-- have shuffled my schedule to remake on 3 December as per your note. Would dearly love to see your cents then if possible. Will Eric be in town then? If so, I'd love to see whatever he'd want to share about his L.C.'s too.

Eric's S-264 is enclosed-- far the most attractive example around this grade that I've ever seen. Detail is 6/8, surfaces/color truly marvelous-- I'd net it as an 8. Hope to have prints back for this coin before I see you.

Your friend,

John

copy: Frank Wilkinson

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R. TETTENHORST
P. O. Box 14020
Saint Louis, Missouri 63178

January 20, 1989

Mr. Frank Wilkinson
913 N. 20th St., Apt. 6
Lafayette, IN 47904

Dear Frank:

Thanks for your note. I am really sorry about your focus problems. Of course, you guys can come back. I enjoy talking to you all so much you can plan to come back every few months for any reason or none at all.

I am enclosing some material about the coins I have in the Superior sales. I plan to call you about this over the weekend.

Sincerely,

R. Tettenhorst

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Enclosures
preliminary list dated 10-4-88
+
envelope list

December 15, 1988 recd 12-21
913 N 20th St. Apt 6
Lafayette, Indiana 47904

Dear Tett,

My embarrassment is complete all over again. The photos of your 1793's and 1794's were totally out of focus. The rest were just sort of out of focus. These latter can be used to identify specimens and die breaks, but are not good enough for publication. This latter group is enclosed and are of no cost to you. I am proposing ~~the~~ to Roger that we purchase an additional camera set-up so that two photos of each coin can be taken at a session which should increase the likelihood of getting a successful shot. After the bugs of this new system have been worked out, would you be willing to have me (and John?) back to St. Louis to reshoot your 1793-1814 half cents?

I've made Xerox copies of the 1956 Breen half cent book. One is for the EAC library, the second for Roger, and the third is for me. I am in the process of putting together a table of rarity ratings from 1936, 1966, 1984 from Breen & comparing these to the currently accepted rarities. I'm also listing the CC coins that Walter knew about in 1956. Thanks for the use of this book.

Seasons greetings to you and yours.

God bless

Frank Wilkinson

Whirlpool CORPORATION

DATE: 11 March 1989

FROM: JOHN WRIGHT

PHONE: (616) 926-3308

Dear R.T.,

Prints enclosed of the last two coins shot from Eric's collection--just emptied the camera a few days ago.

Frank had a good visit here last weekend. I had an impaired (50-55) Proof 1851 half cent to show him. The coin had come for my opinion and return, have since returned it. It was definitely not as nice as yours.

Looking forward to seeing you in Cincy.

Your friend,

1806 C1.3 It's hard to believe a better one can exist.

C2.4 CC 3 or 4

C3.2 CC1

C4.5 Same comment as C1.3

1807 C1.5 May be in the top 5, I just haven't seen better ones

1808 C1.1 CC1, by a couple miles!

C2.5 CC1, also by a couple miles!

C3.6 Has to be one of the top six I know of now that is definitely better

1809 All varieties except #2 I think JRM P/or RSC has a better coin for each variety

C2.4 CC1 See enclosures

1810 C1.4, C1.5 The only better coin would be a full red one. Have you seen such? I haven't seen hard of one

1811 C1.6 CC1

C2.[illegible] CC1

1825 C1.4 At best C.C.2. RSC has an MCC3.

C2.5 CC1

1826 C1.1 Drew how may have a better one, but I doubt it considering WKR had previously owned both P sold R. Gross (the one I [illegible]) the cast off.

C2.2 CC2 or lower, but not much lower

1828 C1.2 JRM, according to my notes has a C7

C2.3 Probably CC1 or equal to it

C3.1 P.3 I'd like to see better ones if they exist.

1829 C1.4. CC1 or equal to it

1831 C1 I'm beginning to believe the circ. examples are spent proofs

1832 C1.6 CC1 or close to it

C2.2 An unbelievable proof CC1

C3.3 Must be CC1 or close to it.

You mentioned you'd like to trade in [illegible] for his 1811 C5 - Gene is a good friend of mine, but I'd rather wrestle with a skunk P a porcupine simultaneously than to try to trade away one of his treasures.

I've also enclosed a copy of the JRM/RSC which match P I've updated most of their upgrades. Hope all this information has made your contribution worthwhile!

[illegible]

April 22, 19[illegible]
912 N 20th St Apt 1
Lafayette IN 47904

Dear Ted,

It was good to see you at EAC in Cinty. [illegible] get together are terrific because they attract the collectors, [illegible] the [illegible] grade. This year was a disaster in this regard. I [illegible] kind of [illegible] a budget - [illegible] collector as the [illegible] are [illegible] on how [illegible] [illegible] the grade [illegible] so I guess I can recognize the rarities regardless of grade.

About the [illegible] Although I haven't talked to Gene Rung about it, but I think he [illegible] with his 1804 CS for a number of [illegible] 1804 [illegible] die [illegible] and money could be used to make up the difference (to GB, in your). [illegible] would be [illegible] trade/cash deal — JRM has been very interested in acquiring two of Gene's [illegible] the 1804 C-S and the Ex Norweb 1797 3-C. Gene would be interested in [illegible] trades if they included all of the die [illegible] of 1804 CS (with JRM keeping his highest [illegible] [illegible] the variety).

A [illegible] the 1794 C-S that is CC1: It is [illegible] the John Borheb collection (14 Herring R[illegible] East Sandwich, MA 02537). I understand he is a rather wealthy elderly man (7[illegible]) who

has a rather high estimate on the value of his [illegible] of which he has two (the other is a VF 35 1797 NC 5 cents which he would trade for an XF 45 chain cent!)

The condition census of the 1797 C8 as I know it is.

1 XF 45 Glossy Brown - Borhek collection
2. XF 45 Sharpness of 50 w rim bruise - Ex Brobston
Plated in Breen 1/2¢ encyclopedia pp 53 as AU + 1/6 as the variety coin
3 EF 40 GJon Henson - plated pp 53 of Breen as EF
4 EF 40 as 50 - Fred Borcherdt - sharpness of 50 but cleaned w. a scratch on Bust
5. 35 - MOCAB - Ex Ryder - showers

I haven't heard of any thing that can fill 30 or above, and only the #1 + #2 above are really problem free coins. I am placing the Borhek coin at #1 based on [illegible] description of EF 40 on even 50 and glossy brown

Jim McGuigan said that his pretty [illegible] the [illegible] proof [illegible] coin [illegible] must be [illegible] of Donald Graves Partrick. If this is the case, you could get the [illegible] you look - 1797 1st Resnike

[illegible] a date for photographing you [illegible] when I get the bugs worked out of my camera [illegible]

Best regards,

Frank Wilkinson

P.S. If you'd like, I could write Borhek for you to see if he's agreeable to a trade

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John E. Borhek
X HERRING ~~WAY~~ Run
EAST SANDWICH, MASSACHUSETTS 02537

7/12/88

Dear Mr Wilkinson,

I still have the 1797 NC 5 but it is not for sale. At one time I had about 700 die vas. When I could no longer find any large lots I kept 150 of my best and major varieties and sold the rest to Bill Noyes. One of my better coins is 1803 large date small fraction S 264 in at least condition 12 with nice surfaces. Darwin Palmer is after me for that one.

In half cents my best is a Gilbert 3 of 1794 a beautiful light tan in at least condition 40. In late dates have 1835 G1 1834 G1 1835 G1 + 1854 G1 in red one 65 have a total of 43 1/2 cents

Re Col Green. In the late 1900s I worked summers in an investment firm across the street from the First National Bank of Boston. One day after the Col died a fleet of Brinks express trucks brought his valuables up to their vault. New Bedford is about 40 minute drive from our home.

Best regards,
Jack Borhek

R. TETTENHORST
P. O. Box 14020
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May 22, 1989

Dear Mr. Borkek,

I have been for a long time an enthusiastic collector of U.S. half cents. Recently my good friend, Frank Wilkinson, has visited St. Louis on two occasion for the purpose of making a photographic record of my half cents.

During one of these visits he mentioned that you had an outstanding example the Cohan 8 variety of 1794, which he felt might be superior to my specimen.

If this is the case, and if you would consider selling your coin, I would be delighted to pay you a full and fair price for it, and to promise it a happy home among other quality half cents. Please let me know if you would consider selling me your coin. Best regards, Tett

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John E. Borhek
14 HERRING ~~WAY~~ Run
EAST SANDWICH, MASSACHUSETTS 02537

Dear Mr. Tattenhorst,

Sorry to say 1794 Cohen 8 is not for sale. It is at least a 40 coin by conservative grading. The color is a light tan with clean surface.

I probably have had it since the 1950's. I started a die var. collection of large cents and found hoards in N.E. of as many as 2000. Paid .10 to .20 in those days regardless of the coin. Half cents ran about 10% of large cents in number and paid .50 - .75 for them. Gilbert was the only book on ½ cents at that time.

They aren't so popular then as there were so many holes in the years for a date collector.

Best regards,
Jack

R. TETTENHORST
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June 14, 1989

Dear Jack,

Thanks for your prompt and interesting response. I sure wish I had started collecting half cents when you did. However, even the prices I paid in the late 60's and early 70's look fine now.

I quite understand your reluctance to sell such a prize. That's the way I feel about my favorites, too. It's good to know that the coin has a home where it is appreciated and loved!

If I can ever furnish you any information about half cents, please feel free to write.

Regards,
Tett

JOHN D. WRIGHT
1468 Timberlane Drive
St. Joseph, MI 49085

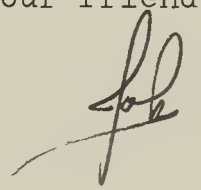
June 7, 1989

Dear Tett,

Just heard from Frank that the June 17-18 weekend is out for him-- has a wedding he's expected to be at (not his own).

Sorry for the short notice-- such as I have give I you. If you have some other openings for later in the summer/fall we'll try to work up a three-way match on one of them.

Your friend,



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June 19, 1989

Mr. John D. Wright
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Dear John:

I am sorry that the two June weekends would not work out for a return visit here.

Our summer will be pretty filled up with trips, etc. At this time, September looks like the best month to get together since things begin to crowd up a bit again in October.

Would one of the three weekends September 9-10, September 16-17, or September 23-24 be OK for you and Frank? I would prefer one of the first two, but can make the third one if neither of the first two are convenient for the two of you.

It might be a good idea to select a weekend now so I can make sure that I don't schedule any conflicting plans.

Sincerely,

rmt

c: Frank Wilkinson

FRANK: I have had a prompt letter back from Mr. Borhek. However, he indicates that the 1794 No. 8 is not for sale. I will try to stay in touch with him.

JOHN D. WRIGHT
1468 Timberlane Drive
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15 July 1989

Dear Tett,

Checked with Frank re his schedule, then had an unexpected two-week interruption-- death in the family in Florida. Anyway, the three weekends you gave for possibilities in September stack up as follows:

1. First choice	23 Sept.	Neither Frank nor I have anything.
2. Alternate	9 Sept.	This is my company's annual picnic, but I will skip if 23 Sept. is out.
3. Unavailable	16 Sept.	This is Paul Padget's annual Cincy show and I have an obligation there- have committed to Jack Robinson to go over R + CC with him there to bring him current for his next CQR.

Please let me know which if any of these fits your schedule.

Your friend,

John

9-15-89

R. TETTENHORST
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Saint Louis, Missouri 63178

July 27, 1989

Mr. John D. Wright
1468 Timberlane Drive
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Dear John:

The weekend of September 23/24 is OK for me. Let's all hold it with the understanding if a conflict develops we will get in touch with each other.

Sincerely,

rmt

C. Frank Wilkinson

FRANK:

Some good news! After a mysterious absence of four or five years, my 1829 proof ex-Showers decided to come out of hiding. I was doing some long overdue tidying up on my third floor and rediscovered where I had hidden it one time years ago when I had to go out of town suddenly and did not have time to take it back to the safe deposit box.

Isn't there some biblical quote about "....more joy in heaven over one lost sheep returned...."?

B.E. took this home + asked the correct quote in Longhand.

September 10, 1989

Frank Wilkinson
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Dear Ted,

I'm writing to confirm the weekend of September 23 for our photography session. John and I are planning to rendezvous at the home of Maury Shepherd in Charleston, Ill on Friday evening and traveling to St. Louis Saturday morning. If we do that, would it be all right if we brought Maury with us? He is an EAC'er, a professor of something or another at Eastern Illinois U, and a pretty nice fellow.

Gene Braig & I traveled out east in early August and we took a number of photos of half cents. Mike Packard and Ed Masuoka wrote about the ½¢ happenings at their respective homes for the Sept. P.W. I wrote a 16 page summary of the whole trip that will appear in the Nov. P.W. There weren't that many finest Knowns in the collections, but that trip put the photo file at 70% complete for the Top Ten of virtually every rare variety! We saw so many great coins we couldn't remember them all! We photographed the Gene Braig recent acquisitions, the Gino Scanfillipo coll, the Ken Goodman coll, the Ed Masuoka, Carl Ostiguy, Steve Ellsworth colls, the Mike Packard, Joe Kane, Bob Yoell, Franklin Goss colls, the Roger Cohen upgrades, the John Reiver, Fred Borchardt & Carvin Goodridge colls, the Rick Leonard, Lanny Reinhardt & Bob Schonwalther colls, the JRM upgrades, a new 04-2 foundry Rod Widok & a batch of coins for sale on the ANA bourse. It was unforgettable, and everyone treated us like royalty! Please note my new address & phone #.

Best regards,

Frank

P.S. The Donald Brigandi 1796-2 at $150,000 may be CC!.

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September 14, 1989

Mr. Frank Wilkinson
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Dear Frank:

Yes, we are confirmed for Saturday, September 23 and Sunday, September 24 for half-cent photography. You know where our office is. Please let me know what time Saturday morning you would like to meet here.

Of course, it would be a pleasure to have Maury Shepherd come along. Any half-cent friend of yours is welcome. By the way, you describe him as "a professor of something or another." At college I took a number of courses from people who should have had that title, and I am glad to see that the terminology has now caught up with the reality.

Please let me know in advance which half-cents you would like to photograph, since I would prefer not to bring all of them out of the safe deposit box unnecessarily.

It sounds as though your photographic records are getting more and more complete.

Thanks for the information about the Brigandi coin. I am hoping to compare mine to it side by side. I will let you know my judgement after I do so.

See you soon.

Sincerely,

R. Tettenhorst

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October 10, 1989

410½ N 24th street,

Lafayette IN 47904

Dear Ted,

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for letting John and ~~me~~ photograph your half cents. Your coins are of Legendary Quality and you're a pretty fair host. I thought the meal at Tony's was fabulous, and I've told several of my friends about it. I find it hard to believe that the rich yuppies I know ($40K+/year) would be unwilling to pay around fifty dollars for such a meal even once in their lives. Anyway, John and I had a great time and over 98% of the negatives came out OK from each camera, it wasn't 100% from either so the backup proved useful.

As soon as I returned from St. Louis I started studying the proofs of 1851, 36, 40 → 49 and 1852. I counted up the number of specimens of each variety I've photographed - about 125. I also made graphs of how many of each variety that Walter estimates exist of each variety and for each year. And I also tried to come up with a reasonable explanation for the striking of three coins, especially those of 1840 → 49 + 1852. I have a new theory subject to change without notice just like the cosmological explanations promulgated by S. Hawkings et al, Basically I am of the opinion that the so-called 2nd restrike reverse was ~~not~~ retired from service because the quality of strikes was very poor, especially for proofs. But this die was not discarded. It was lapped between 1852 and 1854 and put back into use as the 1st restrike reverse. The reasoning behind this theory is simple to me. First of all the 2nd Restrike Reverse was used on the 1831 and 1836 2nd restrikes, but the 1st Restrike Reverse was not. Both reverses were used with Obverses dated 1840 → 49 + 1852 (except no 1849 2nd Restrike has been found - yet.) But only the 1st restrike reverse was used after 1852. This indicates that the 2nd restrike Rev. must have been made before the 1st Restrike Rev. Secondly, the 2nd

Restrike Reverse had a number of problems. In addition to the scratches over RICA, there was a pit below the right foot of the 1st A in AMERICA, and a pit below the middle of the M, and what looks like clash marks to the lower left of C in CENT. All of these defects show on every 2nd Restrike plated in the Norweb catalogue. And with few exceptions the leaves on the wreath on these 2nd restrikes are horribly struck.

Now let's look at the 1st restrikes. The coins show none of the defects listed above. The leaves are fully struck. The letters in CENT were either repunched or the whole reverse was re-hubbed. That the reverse was severely lapped is obvious. The berry below the final S of STATES is tiny, unlike any other small berry reverse from 1840 → 1857. Also the wreath to the right of the bow is very weak, which is unlike any other reverse of the period.

If my theory is correct, the 1852 1st restrike could not be the 1st marriage of the 1852 obverse. But it would also mean that the term 1st and 2nd restrike for the years 1840 → 49 + 1852 would be meaningless as 10 varieties would be delisted

I photographed an 1795 C2a, in EF use this summer that was struck after any of the 1795 C2b's I've ever seen or seen a picture of. The coin clearly has a diagonal die break through the C of AMERICA. It was probably just a Herend planchet at the bottom of the barrel and struck at the end of the production run. It's still an interesting coin.

One die state you might want to put on your want list is a 1794 C5a with the clash marks in front of the face. These clash marks are still visible on the later struck C 3's and C 6's. The clash can easily be shown to be from the C 5 marriage. I only know of two or three specimens so it is a rare die state, but still unrecognized as such.

Now to the IMPORTANT STUFF. Sorry about the Cardinals. I would have been very happy for you if they had won their division. This is a Cubs town, and I was happy for my Cubs fan friends. It was kind of sad to see them lose the playoffs in the fashion they did, but someone had to be eliminated. The Giants seemed to know what to do and were able to do so. It will probably be an interesting series with Power versus Power on each side. It will be interesting to see what the T.V. ratings are for a Bay Area World Series. I hope Canseco, McGuire, Mitchell, Clark et al launch a lot of rockets.

A friend of mine and I used to discuss the major leaguers we felt would eventually be elected to the Hall of Fame. We came up with quite a list, but I've forgotten who all was on it since we made the list two years ago. I maintained that Dwight Gooden and Roger Clemens and Wade Boggs could have retired them and be qualified for the Hall. My question to you is how many years does a guy have to really "tear up the league" before he qualifies? I know that Sandy Koufax and Bob Gibson had a few phenomenal seasons, but they were only regular all stars in several other years. Are there any catches in the majors now who should eventually be elected to the Hall, or has Johnny Bench established unrealistic standards for future? So basically, what does it take to be elected to the Hall of Fame?

The pictures will be ready in about a week

Thanks again.-

Grant

P.S. Normally I edit your letters, but in this case you're getting an original!

10/14/79

PPS The idea of the 2nd restrike reverse being altered to the 1st restrike reverse is clearly wrong by the physical evidence on the coins themselves. If the idea were correct, any of the minor imperfections in the die on the rim outside the denticles would have to be present on both dies. Such an imperfection exists on the 2nd Restrike Reverse, and it is not present on the 1st Restrike Reverse. It is a die scratch around 5 o'clock and is nearly horizontal. This imperfection shows up on virtually all of the 2nd restrikes plated in the Norweb sale.

You see the die for half cents from the side looked like so —

B is the part of the die we normally are concerned w. as it contained the legend & devices. A. contained the flat doughnut around the denticles, & this part would be virtually impossible to alter in any way while B was being lapped.

Anyway, if you have any suggestions or ideas ~~of~~ about the proofs, let Roger & me know so we can see if they fit the data. I'm convinced that figuring out the proofs is about the last big question about half cents.

(PS)s Roger suggests that I apply to the ANS to be a Groves scholar as Michael Hodder of Bowers & Merena has. KSC's idea is that if I received this award, then Mr. Partrick would almost have to let me photograph his ½¢s. Do you think this is a good idea?

Proof Coins Photographed thus far, by FKW

1831 Orig* ~~||||~~ ~~||||~~ ||||
1st R 6
2nd R 1

36 O 7
1st 4
2nd ~~1~~ 2

1840 O 7
1st 1
2nd 4

1841 O 8
1st 2
2nd 2

1842 O 4
1st 3
2nd 2

1843 O 3
1st 3
2nd 1

1844 O 4
1st 2
2nd 2

1845 O 1
1st 1
2nd 4

1846 O 5
1st 1
2nd 3

1847 O 4
1st None
2nd 6

1848 O 2
1st 8
2nd 1

1849 O 3
1st 6
2nd None Known in any collection.

1852 O 1
1st 8
2nd 2

1857 1st 5

I have photographed the following collections from west to east that have 2 or more of these

Moceb
Dr. Lee
Gene Braig
Mike Winter
JRM
Ken Seachman
RSC
Steve Ellsworth
Jules Reiver
Bob Schonwalter

* My opinion includes the conviction that there were no business strikes of the 1831 original.

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Dec 10, 1989

Dear Frank,

Herewith a few items

A) You are right. So far as I know, Brigandi's 1796 is CC1. I took mine to NY and compared. The obverses are identical for all practical purposes. Amount of red may be a touch greater on mine, but not significantly so. The weak strike in the left denticles is similar on both (reverse also). But his coin has a cleaner reverse than mine, which has those spots of roughness. His is quite clean, has some red. Mine has a trace more detail in a few of the leaves (strike or rub), but his is certainly more desirable. Would I trade even up? Sure I would. Would I lay out 150 big ones for the slight upgrade and the FK? No way. Turning into a cheapskate in my old age. As Hamlet says sarcastically, "Thrift, Horatio, thrift!"

B) Speaking of thrift, I was disappointed at the James Stack sale. I aspired to own the 1797 C1, clearly nicer than mine. I didn't even have the honor of being the

underbidder! My last bid was my pre-sale mental limit of 48K, which I thought was about 20% over a "true current value." After that it went: ~~[illegible]~~ Unknown Bidder (a slabbing dealer, I am told, who wanted to "slab it a 3" and sell it for 75K), Donald Groves 52½, UB 55, DG 57½, ... silence from RT and everyone else. I considered re-entering the fray, but the thought of bidding 60K (+10%!) and perhaps not even prevailing, roused the cheapskate in me, and I sat silent. My definition of one's limit is the bid one makes and then hopes someone else will bid again to take one off the hook!

I was not among the bidders on the 1831 and 1836 2nd restrikes. They achieved their heights with no assistance from me. I asked Harvey Stack to do me a favor, and lose Partrick's copy of the catalogue before the next sale of important half cents. He answered, "That's funny, he told me the same thing about you!"

I did get the '02, which has a bit more wear than mine, but fewer marks. It isn't near AU 55, but rather VF30 to 35. A larger than normal exaggeration, but the price was about what it is worth. Jim and others think it has been recolored. Julian said he wasn't sure, because it has no red on the reverse and has nice luster.

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I would be interested in your opinion.
By the way, I got the old Jackman catalogue out of Eric's library and compared this '02 to the plates. It is definitely the same coin. The Big Red Book lists lots of other pedigree for the Jackman coin - are they correct?

I also bought the 97CS, which is cleaner than my Flowers coin. Do you know any pedigree info on it? Harvey Stack says it has been in this collection at least 40 yrs., since no half cents were added after 1948.

By the way, the 1797 is also pictured in the Jackman catalogue.

A) (reprise) Stuart Levine, who sold the 1796 to Brigandi, says that part of the pedigree I have listed on my coin is really that of the other coin, and that the BRB has them somewhat confused. Do you have an opinion on the two pedigrees?

C) I am preparing a two-part article for PW on the Norweb 1854 C-N. Part I, for March, will be a presentation of the mystery and the story of the search, with readers

invited to give their opinions. Then at EAC in Orlando I will exhibit the coin(s) (with a regular 1854 and a CN 1856) and again invite opinions. Then I will give a talk at the Forum, disclose the results of the test on the coin, and comment on the joy of numismatic research. And the results of this talk will be part 2 of the PW article for the next issue. Tentative title: "Has a Variety Been Undiscovered?"

However, I need a picture of the three coins (2 '54's and a '56) for the first article. Is there any way we could get together some day in January? You could take my picture for me, also the 1796 and my two new James Stack coins for your record. The short list might make it possible for you to drive over, have a quick shoot, followed by an early dinner at Tony's and drive home again the same evening. I will be away the weekend of Jan 19-21, but am open the rest of the month.

Wish you a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Ted

Frank Wilkinson
Dec 13, 1989
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Dear Tett

Yes, I'd be glad to drive over for a January shoot. I tend to procrastination so the 2nd weekend in January should cure me. I'll have some custom prints made of a proof 1854 copper, the Norweb so-called C-N, and one or more of the 1856 C-N's I have in my file (I have 3+ the number in your collection). I can also have black & white slides made. The total price of pictures & slides would be only $30 out of pocket. Just let me know what you might want for your talk & paper. On the custom prints, the size of the coin can be made to any size you want (as long as it's still on the 3x5 print). By the way, I finally took your set of prints to John over the weekend, and he's sending them to you. I had to have custom prints made of some coins as I didn't like the way they looked on some the 1st set, but the scruffiness was invariably in the coin. But I noticed something. With one exception, the scruffiness was invariably on varieties made from overstrikes! The exception is the 1803-2. Walter comments on the possibility of 1803's being struck from S stock (Encyclopedia p. 211 #3). Both of your very nice 1803 #2's are of the same fabric as high grade 1802 #2's.

I had heard about Stacks' sale and was stunned at the high prices on some & the sub basement prices on others. I figured the 1797 #1 at 40 K MAX (like as if someone had gone banana-type MAX). Roger was quoted after the sale as saying that Partrick is a rich man among rich men. Roger is of the opinion that virtually every coin in the collection had been cyanided which was a common, or at least accepted, practice years ago. John Wright says that cyaniding removes all of the toning spots on coppers, which are so useful in tracing pedigrees of proofs. Therefore, we are just absolutely stuck on tracing any of the

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James Stack proofs, unless we stumble onto his inventory book or find ~~he bought~~ information in a marked-up catalogue w. buyer's initials & the like. By the way, I'm ~~[illegible]~~ piecing together pedigrees of the Proofs of all years (except the Mickley R-5 & the '56 CN). I have not included your coins, the Brobston, showers, Dupont, Ryder, Norweb, or James A Stack sales. I have notes on what appears to be 325+ individual coins. The Norweb & J. A Stack, & Ave 89 auctions are the only auction appearances I have encountered the '31 or '36 2nd R. The biggest surprise is that the 1854 proof is incredibly rare; Breen estimates Low R6 to high R5; I say R7 to maybe high R6. The 1832 proofs are also v. rare. By the way, have you considered acquiring W. Weber's 1825 C2, the so-called one-sided proof? I'm not convinced one way or the other on the coin. The price is reasonable compared to coins of similar rarity. But, is it a proof? - Added 12/21 RSC says the cyanided 97-1 at 57.5K+J is behind your coin in CC!

I have no definitive records of your new 1794 C.5A or 1802 #2 other than what has been printed by Milton Pfeffer & Walter. As to pedigrees of 1796's - I have copies of the 1/2¢ plates of several Chapman sales, but little else before 1945. Even the Chapmans rarely had an MS 1796 to sell, and when the Eliasberg (now) No Pole was sold in the Winsor sale the ~~coin was~~ picture was so out of focus that the horiz. die break was absent on the left side, but is complete on the coin (I've seen another picture of it). So even old-time catalogues w. plates are not 100% reliable. Eric the Great probably has the records you want in his basement, but it might take years to dig through them all. You must remember that Stack's catalogued the '96 w. pole as ... "is believed to be the original McCoy, Levick, Zanoni, Miller-Newcomb-Green coin. A real prize." (And it still is!) Stack's know the pedigree or else it could have gotten switched w. another coin that I'm pretty sure the Colonel owned, which was later offered in the Numismatist by the Celina (Ohio) coin company. Those gents also had another piece of trash for sale: The unique 1870S $3 gold piece (Please note in Walters Complete

Encyclopedia} that the pedigree of the $3 gold has a blank space of about 12 years between Howard Newcomer & the Celina coin Co. We know that Col. G. bought most of the great Newcomer coins & you expect me to believe that he passed on arguably the greatest coin in U.S. numismatics and that the coin reappears at the same time the Col's coll. is finally being dispersed?). Please have Mr. Levine provide as much of the pedigree as possible for the Brigandi 1796 w.pole.

RSC said I should mention to you that your new 1794 C 5a (congratulations on your new purchase - they are plenty nice) has what he thinks is Calcium carbonate in the edge lettering. This can be removed by a toothpick or by sonication in a water bath. I could borrow the latter from the lab if you'd like to try it when I come in Jan.

I'm really enjoying piecing together the pedigrees of the proofs as it has hardly been done & is a real puzzle. Roger estimates there are around 600 proof half cents; I wouldn't be surprised if there were a thousand of them. The 1845 appears to be the rarest original of the proof only years. The 1836 & 1841 are the least rare & of the ~~1841 clearly in second place.~~ There are also a lot of 1852 1st restrikes. Thus far I've ~~at~~ mainly made notes from catalogues of Stack's & the Apostrophe Auctions (As an aside the Auc 79 → Auc 87 has never offered an 1802 Half Dime!)

The 1836 & 41 Orig are of Comparable rarity.

12/21/89

The long-lost Dupont 1802 C-1 is re-appearing in the upcoming Bowers sale; its grade is 7 or 8. An AU 1793 C-1 is also in the sale (listed as Unc. of course!) It may be the Alto Dr. McCleery specimen. The Altoplates are just too bad to make any sort of realistic comparison.

I went to the camera shop on Saturday & they said it would be easiest to reshoot the coins I want to make slides of & just mount the slides, which we can do in January

[signature]

P.S. Could I take pictures of the individual ½ c's in the Chapman catalogues from Eric's Library, (either this trip or another?)

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I'll also try to set up a photo session at the Smithsonian that long weekend; would that suit you for a possible rendezvous for comparing your proofs to theirs?

J.

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February 27, 1990

Mr. Frank Wilkinson
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Dear Frank:

Enclosed is a copy of the article I have submitted for publication in the March 15 issue of Penny-Wise. This was really a fun quest for me over the years, and I am trying to communicate some sense of the enjoyment that exists in the hunt for information.

The pictures seem perfectly fine to me, since they were only intended to show the dramatic differences in strike between the copper and copper-nickel planchets, particularly in the denticles. I don't know how the reproduction in Penny-Wise will come out, but the pictures certainly show the denticle detail quite clearly.

On another matter, I did follow through with respect to the honorary award question you called me about. First, I called Denis Loring. He referred me to Stu Hodges. Stu said that they had recently added two half cent people, one of whom is Joe Kane, to the panel which recommends awards for EAC. Stu said he would pass on the suggestion about Roger to the head of the panel. Joe Kane, in particular, is a friend of Rogers and must certainly be familiar with his medical condition, so I would assume that the suggestion is in friendly and knowledgeable hands, which is all that one could expect.

Also, I have had two conversations with Gene Reale. We have been trying to set up a date to look at each others coins, as I mentioned to you that we would. This meeting will now probably take place in May, the week after the EAC meeting in Orlando, which was the first time that our schedules (primarily mine) put us both in New York at the same time. During one of the phone conversations, Gene mentioned that "This fellow, Frank Wilkinson. . ." had written him several times about photographing his coins. I told him that you represented the highest degree of scholarship and integrity and encouraged him to cooperate. I told him that you had been here and photographed all of my coins. He said that he was reluctant to do that, feeling that it might detract from future publication of his collection. When I repeated how worthwhile your overall project was, he said "Well, maybe I will let him take just a few, the finest knowns and a few like that." My suggestion is that you not pursue him any further unless he responds to you. When I get together with him in person in May, I will

give it another shot. However, he is planning to be in Orlando. I urged him to participate in the Half Cent Happening. Perhaps if you bring to Orlando some visual example of how your work is going to be used and organized, I might be able to get the two of you together and give you a chance to make another pitch.

Sincerely,

R. Tettenhorst

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Enclosure

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April 25, 1991

R. TETTENHORST
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October 18, 1990

Mr. Frank Wilkinson
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Dear Frank:

Thanks for the card. I have given your regards to Eric and Marilyn.

My information is that the 1803 was sold to a "non-collector" (investor?) for around $17,000. Perhaps we will get another crack at it when the Age of Investor Disillusionment arrives.

With respect to Jon Hansen, you can certainly mention my name if you like. However, I doubt if it would be any particular inducement to him; it might have the opposite effect. Our relationship has always been outwardly friendly. I have only pleasant feelings towards Jon. I cooperated fully with him when he and his photographer friend wanted to photograph my coins for the Breen book. However, I have an indirect feeling, based on comments others have told me about, that he regards me as a rival and interloper who prevented him from acquiring coins that he wanted.

My suggestion is that, if you want to include a reference to me, you ask him whether he would like you to invite me to attend. Or else just omit me from the communciation altogether.

I have just received the 1794 #9 lettered edge on a thin planchet. The quest for information about it led me to a 1795 #2 (is it 2a or 2b?) lettered edge on a thin planchet also. Together with Roger's ex-Brobston 1795 #1, this means that there is one specimen of each of the last three varities of lettered edge half cents struck before the general use of the thinner planchets. Does that suggest any particular explanation to you for the existence of these lettered edge thin planchet coins?

Sincerely,

R. Tettenhorst

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International Trade Coins
Spanish-American Dollars of eight reales
("Pieces of Eight")
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stuff that you may be along on a Kibitzer?
Give your family & Eric my best regards.
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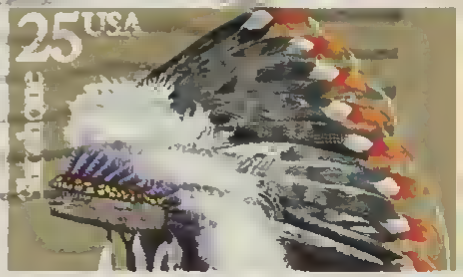

Dear Tett,
It was good to chat last night as always. When you negotiate with the Floridian pirates about the '93 & '94, you may want to have the '03-1 as a throw in.
Is it ok if I write to Jon Hansen and mention that if he agrees to my photographing his

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May 16, 1991 rec'd 5-20

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Dear Ted,

It was good, as always, to see you again at the recent EAC meeting in Boston. It was a great show for me even aside from my talk about Col. Green and his coins (thanks again for your help.)

Doug Birds not allowing me to photograph his 1795 C6 was disappointing, but it caused me to do some serious thinking about the coin. Since you are the most serious buyer of half cents, it's up to you as to whether or not it is truly a 66. Mr Birds coin weighs 95 grains which is well above the legal 84 grain standards, but well below the 105 → 125 grains normally seen for 1795 5's & 6's. After awhile I remembered a middle weight 1795 C6 amongst Roger's holdings. It weighs 98 grains, and Mike Packard wondered if it were a 66. I looked it over and found undertype - of a TAL! I did some calculations and a cut down, but not rolled out TAL to ½¢ should weigh 100 grains. A half cent of 23.5 mm diameter from a cut down large cent of the 168 grain std should weigh 110 grains. A half cent of 24.5 mm diameter from a similar cent should weigh 120 grains. The 25 mm diameter ½¢ from a 168 grain half cent would weigh 125 grains (these were unquestionably cut w the 5 dollar gold piece cutter - such fat coins are known)

Basically, Doug Bird's 1795 C6 as well as the VF's in your, Dr. Lee's & IRM's collection were all made from cut down errors of large cent overstrikes of TAL's. Are such things subvarieties? According to the standards used by early cent collectors (collectors of early cents) there should be no ~~set~~ 1795 C5 or 1795 C6. Their standards are that subvariety is a misnomer and that the correct name should be Edge Variety. This would allow for the 6 & girls of 1794, the 1795 C2 and the 1797 C 3 & C 3c. Mr John D. Wright says the edge variety is legitimate because there was a third die involved in the Castaing machine. I know you have some financial stake in whether these subvarieties continue to be listed, but you have less of a stake than most other collectors. Please let me know your opinion as ultimately the collectors will decide what a subvariety is or should be. By the way, the best 1795 C6 struck from a cent of the 168 grain std is in the Cohen estate.

Speaking of finest Knowns (or thereabouts), when I actually everyone in the house botched getting the great 1809 C2 in the auction, I was bit miffed because here was a great coin that I didn't feel like I had to tell everyone how great it was. Gene Braig said he was going to buy it, but dropped out of the bidding at $300 or so. I don't know if you or I am bought / will buy the coin from Chris McC, but I hope the buyer doesn't get stuck too badly. In such cases should I A) Be your agent and buy such coins and/or B) Point out to you that a great one is right between the cross hairs? I'm not asking this to get $ out of you - I like to see great coins reach happy and appreciative homes.

I've read a bit more about Hetty Green since EAC. I am becoming convinced that virtually none of the scurrilous things written about her are true. She may have been eccentric, but I'm ~~sto~~ sure most of the invective directed towards her was because she was a woman who beat men at their game. I've been reading about the super rich of her time, and those fellows would be thrown in prison forever for pulling those stunts today. I may be wrong, but I don't think so.

I'm looking forward to coming to St. L this summer to look through BG Johnson's sales records. Hope to see you too.

Best regards,

Frank

July 13, 1991
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Dear Tett,

A lot has happened on the ½¢ scene while you've been gone. Some great, and some horrible. First the horrible: Rick Leonard was killed in an air race in Iowa three weeks ago. Apparently he clipped the post he was flying around, and his wing came off.

The rest of the news from here is just WOW! Two weeks ago I got to see the B G Johnson invoices for 1943 and 1946 as well as the acquisition invoices of the Armin Brand half cents. Eric has sales data for several years besides 1943 and 1946, but we didn't have time to go over more than those years. The A. Brand ½¢'s were just about half of the Virgil Brand ½¢'s! (Of course, I'm really uninterested in the rest of the U.S. coins - such trash!) The Brand invoices to B G Johnson include the Virgil Brand inventory number, a Gilbert attribution, a grade, ~~and~~ a price which I assume that BGJ paid A Brand, and a date when BGJ paid A. Brand. As you probably know Virgil Brand bought nice coins by the truck load and died around 1926. His brothers Armin & Horace had Henry Chapman & B.G. Johnson appraise the coins. The brothers got half the value of the treasure trove. Armin was the younger of the two, but died in the early 50's. Horace died in the early sixties. Armin had many coins left, and they went to his only child, Jane Brand Allen. She sold many of her coins through BGJ, then New Netherlands in the 50's & 60's. The final remnants of her

piece of the hoard were sold in two or more much bally-hooed sales by Bowers in the 1980's after her death.

Any way, the Brand inventory book exists somewhere so it should be a reasonable proposition to trace these coins way back.

You may want to check your B.G.J. envelopes, those ~~with~~ typed in red notations are Ex Col EHR Green, those in black are other (most likely Ex Brand.) Please let me know which are Red (Green) & which are not

As an example I'm convinced your 1811 C1.6 is Ex Brand for two reasons: the first is that this great coin was not on the Green inventory sheets. And secondly on the 1941 invoice of the Dr. Hall Half Cents to BGJ an 1811 G2 is listed as 'Purplish-Perfect Piece Unc. $150.00 # 1191' I maintain that of the four Unc, or near Unc 1811 C1's (G2) only one of them ~~satisfies~~ fits this description.

Other RT coins likely in the Brand Green listings that I can figure out.

"Brand Inv. # 87424 1793 G1 Unc slight dent behind head" = 933.1 This was on the 1935 Inv to B.G.J.

"Brand Inv. # 15292 1795 G6 Plain Edge, no pole; about Unc, but planchet defect on edge $5.00" Sounds like your 1795 C5b ex Norweb

"Brand Inv # 80667 1802 G1 Fine, but part of impression of a cent on Obverse $10.00" Sounds like 1802.2.4 lot 1067 Dupont

"Brand Inv # 28713 1804 G5 With break on Obverse. Unc. $2.00" Sounds like your 1804.9.4 - Ask Hansen where he bought it.

"1794 G.9. Unc. With much original red and sharp wire edge 55.00" Paid 5/28/43 by Abe Kosoff sounds like 94 la. 2 - See the Shawers coins didn't just drop out of the sky - May be Ex Green

Brand Inv # 46562 G.3 Unc., olive, with some red. A gem coin $50.00 sounds like your 1797.2.11 rather than 97.2.8 which went to JRM

Your 1793 1/3 is likely the following "G* 1793 Unc $100.00 Wurtzbach inventory #1." likely the Alvord-Dupont-Bareford-RT coin as BGI would not be buying a 1793 for $100.00, ~~1935~~ 1944/unless it were absolute cream. The coin was sold in Dec. 44,— To whom might answer the Anderson Dupont Enigma

Does this sound like either of your proof 1829's? Brand Inv # 82727 Proof, greenish olive, a gem $15.00 sold Dec. 3x "Last digit indistinct.

I photographed your new 1849 proof. I hardly had time to photograph it, and no time to study it as Eric's time the 2nd day was curtailed by, I think, his beautiful wife. I showed the pictures last weekend to John Wright, and he said the new one "looks more proofy." He can visualize from our photos the color & surface of the coins - an ability I just don't have. John & I both thought your earlier coin is a proof. This one is more reflective on the Obv., but I don't like the Rev of the new coin at all as it looks as it it's been stripped or something.

John Wright also loaned me his John Adams books on US auction catalogues. The books are quite helpful in determining which catalogues have good stuff (half cents) versus trash (the rest). and the sales are rated A, B or C in an area C would be considered a pretty good sale, great sales get an A (Dupont, Ryder & Alvord were A's). Any A, B or C ½¢ sale would be of interest to me.

Best regards & tell me about eastern USSR

ff. Hope to see you at ANA in mid August.

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July 13, 1991

Dear Eric,

I want to thank you for allowing me to have access to your files on the Green and Brand half cents. I'm beginning to appreciate your comment to the effect that anyone who writes a pedigree of U.S. coins without consulting your files is writing a fairly tale. As you know, Bernard Edison owns the very top collection of US Half Cents - He will be shocked at how many of ~~the~~ his pedigrees were just flat wrong.

In a auction catalogue the list of Prices Realized is usually of No Assistance to the Numismatic researcher because of the games that are frequently played, but the prices ~~of~~ in the Brand invoices are quite instructive as BG Johnson was paying those prices. If the price were sky-high, I know it was a phenomenal coin as BGJ wasn't stupid.

I would really enjoy going through more of your sales records if that could be arranged.

You may find it interesting to read the book of Leviticus in the Old Testament. The rules for living, including the dietary laws are given. One of my "proofs" for the existence of God is that book in that if one follows those rules, by and large, life is longer & healthier for him/her.

Saw the notice of your award from the Royal Numismatic Society in CW.

Best regards,

Frank Wilkinson

July 27, 1991
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Dear Tett,

This is basically a continuation of the letter of 7-13-91. So, if you get to this one first, please read the earlier one first.

More great news from the treasure trove of records I got from Eric: Brand # 34753 1809 G-3 (C2) Unc. scratched on Obv. sold Sept 44 ~~[illegible]~~ - $1.25 to Armin Brand. The coin reappeared in the Dupont sale Lot 1100 and later in the Spence sale (Also known as the RT Marriage sale) #841 to Dr. James R. McGuigan for $340 (Now that's inflation). Now, if we can just learn who bought the coin, the Dupont saga would be OVER!

Now, I've looked over this list several times & see something new almost every time, but I find it hard to believe I didn't notice this the first time through: "Brand Inv. #15518 1854 Copper Nickel, proof $25.00" It sold Dec 2, 1935 (The date it was marked paid is indistint - also the $25.00 is what BGJ paid Armin Brand - I think this is ~~more~~ less than what you paid for either of ~~these~~ your two). I don't know if this is the Dupont or the Farouk or (gasp) a third example of this enigmatic variety.

BGJ sold Tom Elder a 1794 G-5 (C2a) described as "Unc, a rich chocolate color $30.00 (Elders Price)" & Marked Recd May 7 (1943). I don't know if that meant it sold or was returned, I think the former. It sounds like your 1794 C2a.2. It appears not to be Ex Col Green.

Also, someone apparently bought many of the proofs out of the Brand estate as a group. These proofs, and a handful of nice, but not phenomenal, early ½¢'s have check marks ~~beside~~ on the ~~date~~ price. These proofs include:

Brand Inv. #				
11573	1831	Proof but dent on both sides	$25.00	Probably the Walton-Dr Lee coin
27730	1831	Restrike die of 1852. Proof	$30.00	
46590	1831	Proof, reddish	$60.00	
32273	1833	No 183 on List Dull dark green, Proof	$10.00	
12171	1833	Proof, Light Olive	$15.00	
	Didn't Buy a '34, '35 Proof			
11574	1836	Obv, reddish Rev., greenish olive proof	$60.00	sounds like the Clarke-Bareford Reiver Coin
46596	1840	Original Proof	$60.00	
46598	1842	Restrike dull proof	$40.00	
82730	1843	Original, a perfect proof, reddish	$77.00	
82737	1844	Original proof	$75.00	
57027	1844	Restrike proof	$50.00	
46601	1845	Restrike proof	$50.00	
15157	1846	Restrike has been proof now Unc.	$40.00	a refreshingly unique description of a rare coin!
46603	1847	Restrike Proof	$40.00	
	Didn't buy an 1848 - An 1841 was returned (to Armin Brand?)			
32847	1849	small date Restrike, proof	$50.00	
46605	1849	small date proof, original	$60.00	
155/4	1850	Dull proof, dark	$5.00	
	Didn't buy an 1851 - one was returned			
46610	1852	Restrike obverse, golden olive Reverse, dark proof.	$40.00	
37171	1852	Restrike, dark olive proof	$75.00	
	1854 Proof spotted for 15.00 was returned			
	1855 Proof, reddish for 15.00 was returned			
43917	1856	Proof V. dull on Obverse	$10.00	
46610	1857	Very full Proof	$5.00	
26746	1857	Very, full Proof	$7.50	
50086	1857	Proof spots on Obverse	$10.00	

Note: Some of the returned coins were returned 6/18/36 with a week after Col Greenleaf Perhaps ~~EARLIER~~ bought these. Most of the proofs at the list sold very quickly.

BGJ got these coins from Armin Brand.

8/27/35 →

Eric wants to put Del Bland over a barrel and have DNB tell EPN exactly where the stolen ANS currently are located by letting DNB that EPN has some great information about cent pedigrees but DNB cannot get this info until DNB "comes across." (Eric must have been a tough lawyer at times). So Eric did not give me much cent info, but some of the ½¢ sheets have L.C. info on them. I'll let DNB look at one or two of them at the ANA and tell him ~~the~~ DNB that he may want to chat w. EPN. The Col. owned a bunch of nice cents. The copper world will finally be giving him some of his due

Bill Noyes has cranked out two books on large cents that are supposedly now available for delivery. These are illustrated ~~w~~ w photos his taken over the past two years. The books cover 1793-1815 and 1816-1839. JDW is not thrilled w. the competition. I've advised JDW that if Bill has lifted information from him, to sue This will be interesting, and I think Not Pretty.

I loved the postcard. thanks Now I can spell my name in acryllic. (this is a joke I use on a young woman who is a Russian major.)

Best regards,

Frank

If it's practical, could I see your inventory book - I really would like to know where you bought your proofs - and where you sold your duplicates. Could I also photograph the plates in your copy of the Sheaves catalogue?

cf Thomas Cohen sale

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September 9, 1991

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Dear Frank:

I saw the enclosed article in The Economist which discusses mitochondria and mtDNA. If you didn't see it, you might be interested in the article.

Shortly after Roger died, you mentioned to me over the telephone one time a number of Roger's coins that you thought would be an upgrade for my collection. I have kept those notes and would like to talk to you sometime to make sure that it is still an accurate and complete list. Obviously, there are some coins that will need to be compared side by side to see which is better.

Another thing that I am doing is going through my collection to do a more thorough description of my die states. Then, I will have to decide which varieties I want to collect by die state. Roger's collection will obviously be a unique opportunity to enhance anyone's die state collections.

I am planning to go out to Superior, probably early in November, to look at the auction lots carefully and to compare some of my coins. Then, of course, I will be back out there in January for the auction. Are you planning to go out for the sale or any time before then? If so, we can talk about coordinating our observations on some of the coins.

Superior has sent me a copy of the work that you and Mike Packard did on Roger's collection. It is amazingly detailed and thorough. I hope the die state information finds its way into the catalogue undiminished. They will probably condense your description of the nicks and scratches, etc.

I am planning to call Debbie Cohen sometime to talk about Roger's notes and records, etc. I will suggest to her that she not throw anything away. Obviously, whatever she wants to keep as a momento should have the highest priority. After that I would be glad to buy from her, at something higher than a fair price, whatever she does not want to keep for herself or the children. By the way, if that happens, I would certainly be happy to let you have any items that were of particular interest to you either in original form or copies.

I hope everything is going well with you this fall.

Sincerely,

Tett

R. Tettenhorst

Feb. 7, 1992

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Dear Ted,

My girlfriend, Cathy, and I spent last Friday night at her sister and brother in laws home and returned Saturday in time for a Church social (I was in two dumb skits). We were eating a quick supper and I went through my mail. I appreciated the quick return of the catalogue, but was overwhelmed by the money!!! Of course, I accept it! I am especially grateful as I have many Christmas bills to repay as well as an upcoming trip this week for business. I do what I do in numismatics as a labor of love, but am grateful when those who benefit from my scholarship reward me with more information and/or financial remuneration. I especially appreciate the money from you because Superior has declined to pay me.

The sale is now history, and I understand you had many fellows bidding for you. I've got a pretty good idea of your acquisitions. I'll have to sit down and get my records straight.

About that "special dinner" Cathy will take me out for dinner next month on my B'day to give me her answer.

Best regards, God bless, and thanks again,

Frank

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September 27, 1992
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Dear Tett,

Thanks for the information about the high grade 1796 half cent. Darn few great half cents have been described well enough to establish their pedigrees prior to 1940 due to the fact that they didn't cost enough to warrant really good catalogue descriptions. I think the best way to trace such coins is via catalogues w. lists of buyers. But the owners of these catalogues tend to be catalogue collectors, not numismatic researchers.

It's my opinion that the Dupont collection was assembled from by B G Johnson's stock and was sold intact to another individual. Eric Newman says he doesn't know who bought the collection. I don't know why Johnson would have told Eric who the collection went to, but there is abundant evidence Eric was around before the coins went away: 1) The pedigrees of the top coins are all Ex Green or Brand - collections sold by Johnson. 2) There were No. colonials in the Dupont collection. Eric had a habit of buying all colonials that came his way. 3). Stack's bought the Dupont gold outright and sold them privately & the denominations of gold from "Dupont" were the same as that Col. Green gold that went to Johnson (as per a recent Stack's catalogue).

Best regards,
Frank

P.S. I just wrote Eric and advised him to photocopy the Johnson sale records.

Oct. 3, 1982

RT,

I was at the Paul Padgett / Central States show in Cincy two weeks ago and photographed a dozen nice half cents. Tony T had one he said I'd photographed before, but I don't recall having done so. AT listed the pedigree as Brobston - Helfenstein - McCleery, but for the coin (an 1809. C-3) the pedigree is listed as Brobston - Helfenstein - California Collector, which I understood to be Jon Hanson. Hanson compiled the CC in Breen, and yet Tony T. surely knew who he bought the coin from. Does this mean that HANSON SOLD HIS COLLECTION???

By the way, did you acquire another nice 1794 - C5a last year? Also, when the Naftzger collection of half cents was dispersed ~~last~~ this year, did you acquire an 1847 First Restrike? Have you gotten in to see the Naftzger half cents and taken notes like you did with the Bareford coll? If yes, could I get a copy of your notes?

Cathy and I are getting used to marriage, and enjoying it more all the time. We are finding that free time is scarce, and we're using a chunk of it in looking for a more permanent job for the brochemist. We don't know when or where we'll go, but we almost certainly won't stay here.

Tell Marilyn we said hello.

Bill W.

JIM MCGUIGAN
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Dec. 22, 1992

Dear Tett:

The forthcoming Bowers & Merena and Stack's sales in January have a couple of half cents that may be of interest to both of us. Specifically:

- B&M lot # 1029
- Stack's lot # 1373 1809 C2

(Stack's lot # 1371, which might be a potential upgrade for us if it was a C-2, appears to be a C-3.) Yes - C3 Until I see them it is hard to tell if they are upgrades for my coins. If you want to discuss them before the sales, give me a call or drop me a note when you get a chance.

Best wishes to you and your family this holiday season.

Mine Norweb #8 Partrick's (Br Ill.) much more detail than either...
B+M #1029 Slightly more hair + leaf detail 1-2 pts. Not clearly a matter of respective defects - Not interested Jim McGuigan in a 1 pt. upgrade - what is Jim's - how to proceed.
VG7 problem-free

Stacks - mine Raymond-Blaisdell AUSS (FW 63!) "FK"
don't want racked planchet MS sharpness w scratch

Will call Wed.
Quality Inn Plaza 2 doors Conv Cent.

June 13, 1993
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recd. 6-16-93

Dear Tett,

I haven't heard from you since last summer, and I thought I wrote you in early fall. Did you get that letter? The main points of that letter were: Did Hanson sell his collection? Did you get a bunch of good stuff from the Nattzger collection either from REN or via Eric Streiner?

I've put together a proposal for an idea I've had for a while about a treatment for a genetic disorder. A similar disorder is being treated for $350,000 per year per patient! I think I can do this one for less. I'll soon try to get a bio-tech firm involved.

Cathy and I are planning to visit the east coast this summer we may make the ANA, but I'm not sure. If we do, we'll see you there.

I have a tangled legal question that doesn't involve coins. Friends of Cathy's had a shop in a mall along I-70 west of Pittsburgh. The interstate was under construction for repairs for two years, which blocked direct access to the mall. Their shop and several others went bankrupt. How does EBS either convince the authorities not to close an interstate for so long or weather such an inconvenience?

Cand I will have been married a year on 6/20, it's been wonderful.

Tell Marilyn we say hello.

Yours

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June 24, 1993

Mr. Frank Wilkinson
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Dear Frank:

It was great to hear from you. I have really missed talking and corresponding. In fact, I asked John Wright at the last EAC meeting for your phone number and address, which he gave me. I have been planning to get in touch with you myself.

No, I don't remember getting the letter last fall. To answer your questions, I don't believe John Hanson has sold his collection. If so, I think I would probably have heard about it. No, I did not buy any of the Naftzger collection, half cents or large cents. He showed me a few of the half cents prior to the Roger Cohen sale, and offered to sell them to me. However, there really was nothing that was a significant upgrade for me. I haven't bought anything very interesting since the sale of Roger's collection. Just a few run-of-the-mill errors, etc.

Your proposal for treatment of genetic disorder sounds very interesting. If it works, it will be one of the real instances of lowering medical costs. In spite of all of the conversation on the part of the new administration, no one seems to have much confidence in their commitment to actually lower costs.

I will be at the ANA from Thursay through Saturday, particularly at the EAC meeting on Friday, July 30th. It would be great to see you there. In particular, I have never met Cathy, and would truly enjoy doing so.

The question you ask about the impact on a shopping center of highway construction is one that has come up from time to time. We have not ever directly worked with the highway authority on questions like this. We simply don't have the clout by ourselves to do so. We have asked the shopping center developer and owner to do so. Usually, he is far ahead of us, since his income is dramatically affected also. Before going bankrupt, we have known of instances where small retailers asked the shopping center owner for rental reductions or release from the lease. Sometimes they have been successful with this kind of request. It is in the landlord's best interest to help them, because if they go bankrupt, the landlord gets nothing. Experienced legal or real estate counsel is advisable in undertaking such a step. EBS has sometimes achieved this kind of relief as well, usually with some offsetting benefit to the landlord

such as extending the lease or renting an additional store after the construction is finished. In general, however, we have survived just by the law of averages, since we have enough stores that are doing well at any given time to enable us to carry a few losers.

Congratulations on your first anniversary! Marilyn and I are delighted that you are both happy and, of course, not at all surprised. Best wishes.

Sincerely,

R. Tettenhorst

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rec'd.
8-25-93

Dear Tett

The important stuff first; I was going to write you and give you a lot of static about the Cardinals being so far behind the Phillies while the Tigers were in first by four or five games. That seems like eons ago. A guy in the lab said the Tigers would sink so fast that by comparison a rock would seem to float → He is a REDS fan! Also saw a copy of Sports Illustrated - a baseball issue. They talked about the summer of '68 with McClain winning 31 games and Bob Gibson having an ERA of 1.12 with just phenomenal control. It was a fun issue to read - and I've not seen more than 2 or 3 innings of baseball all summer.

You should check Eric's library copy of the The Elder sale of March 20-23, 1918. There is supposedly a GEM 1804 Half Cent plated. I don't know the lot number or the Gilbert number, but I would bet it is one of your 1804 C9's.

I was checking through some of my Ike photos and saw a familiar coin. It was your 1793.3.5 (I think) with a clip. You consigned it to Auction '90 - Stacks. It is now available off of their summer BPH for $17K (I think it's a 6 or 8 K coin). It is Ex Alvord. Where did you get it?

During my preliminary work for the RSC sale, I was able to determine where some of the significant Alvord coins are now 94-Sa, 94-7 and 95-N (Schonwalter, Schonwalter, Brand).

Gene Braig recently acquired a nice 1804 C-11, not as nice as the Norweb coin, but definitely the 2nd best I've ever seen.

I heard Bill Noyes didn't like my review of his book - especially my comments about how he graded the coins in the ANS compared to the way Sheldon graded them. He just doesn't understand that if his grades are non consistent with Sheldon's, he's not using the Sheldon System. And he should admit it.

Speaking of WHS and the ANS coins: I wish I had been at the EAC meeting at the ANA convention. I understand ~~EAC~~ Eric had a great chat with Naftzger's lawyer. I ~~heard~~ a lot of fellows got up and left during the interchange. It is my feeling that Eric is standing up for honesty and integrity, and that these are primary issues in our society today, not just in the sad world of numismatics. Mr. Naftzger doesn't understand 1) that Eric is probably willing to finance the ANS' case out of his own pocket (and sue REN for legal fees when he wins) 2) No one is willing to knowingly purchase any of the disputed coins and 3) the longer the case goes on, the closer to the bottom of the garbage can of history of numismatics will be his place ~~in history~~ (sorry - on our word processor, I'd straighten that one out). e.g. Sheldon is now thought of as a scholar of the first order, but a thief. Breen will also be known as a pervert.

What's the story on the new Mint state 1796 No pole in the Whitney collection? I heard there is a redder one in the Jay Perero (Csp?) stock. I heard these came from Europe.

A few people are trying to get me to revize the half cent condition census and publish it in Penny-Wise. I am thus far still disinclined due to the RSC frasco. I was involved for four reasons: 1) To help Mrs Cohen receive the maximum she could for her coins. 2) To make sure the genius of RSC as a collecter came through. 3) To get publicity for myself beyond EAC so more people would allow me to photograph their coins. 4) The money. It was an abject failure on all four counts. If you have any idea of how I can get paid by Superior Galleries Inc, I would be very grateful.

What is shocking to me is that with the death of another EAC'er, George Ewing, that four guys have come forward claiming George wanted them to handle his coins. These are some of the fellows who have all the information, don't write books, then use the info to their $$$$ maximum advantage. Please tell me how to get the info I have to collectors so they can use it without being financially scalped (them or me).

There are two finest Knowns in the estate collection of Carvin Goodridge: 1804 C7 and 1809 C5 (the Cohen specimen). I understand his widow has heard magnanimous offers from all over for Carvin's coins. She'll probably make up her own mind and won't be as easily swayed as Mrs. RSC was.

Your collection lacks only 3 or 4 major die states, the TES cud break on 1804-C7, the LIBERTY cud on 1809-2, and the Rev break on 1809 C1 (There are 3, 1, b2 Known to me of these, respectively). An UGLY 04-7 with the TES cud will be

offered by B&M in the Wally Gilligan sale He paid around 500 – 1000 for it. I think he paid dearly to get such an ugly coin.

Tell Eric I'd be glad to help him with some of the overall approach he should take to get the ANS cents back. But it seems to me he is doing just fine Also ask him if it would be possible for his library to provide me with Xerox copies of the half cent sections of some classic coin auctions.

The job search continues.

Tell Lelio to Marylin. Cathy and I send our greeting.

Best regards,

Frank Wilkinson

P.S. IN Breen The 1794 C-7 From the 1939 Bluestone sale, The B&R race coin review, and the SQ West specimen are all the SAME coins Count on it.

P.P.S. Your collection lacks some minor die states like the retained cuds of 1803 C2 (unique in the Yuell coll ?), 04-9 (unique? in the Packard Coll), or 1808 C2 (examples in the Leonard & Borcherdt colls ?) Write Mike Packard about these. He has all the data. You have the only 04-2 w. the retained cud (the Discovery coin for the variety).

P.P.Ps. If Eric says Yes to the Xeroxing of Catalogues, I'm interested in the texts and Front covers of the following and plates of Pds

By the Chapmans

Bushnell
Chapman 5/1885
Cleneay
Winsor
MA Brown
Mills
Chas Morris
HP Smith
David S. Wilson
MA Stickney
Zabriskie
ITL Jewett
Geo H Earle
John P Lyman
Geo M. Parsons
Clarence Bement
Icabs

T.L. Elder

Levick	Oct, 1907
Geschwend	June 1908
WW Woodin	March, 1911
HC Miller	April, 1917
Brown	March, 1918
McMullin	Feb, 1921
Lynch	June, 1921
Gehring	Aug 1921

P.P.P.P.s. An owner of a finest Known recently asked me about trading his coin to you for your duplicates. I let him know what I thought you had that might be of interest to him, but will let you two negotiate. You can probably figure out who it was.

8/2/93 (PS)[5]

You could probably get ~~the~~ a huge amount of information by buying the Walter Breen notes on half cents - if they exist as such. You could get much more information on the status of collections by acquiring the Jack Collins photographic negatives. He photographed The Webber, RT, Naftzger, Hansen, Partrick & a few other collections for the Breen encyclopedia. The only other groups of half cents we would know the exact details would be John J Pittman & the Ellis Berg Estate.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

Frank Wilkinson
Dec. 31, 1993
2501 Soldiers Home Road Apt 2C
West Lafayette IN 47906

Dear Tett,

Holiday Greetings from the Geriatric-About-To-Be-Maternity Ward. Cathy and I are excited about becoming parents, which should happen in late May or early June. As a four or so time parent it must be old hat to you. You've always spoken glowingly of all your children so you must approve of the whole process. Any general advice for raising children?

I have been assembling my notes on the proof only issues. It seems that one character owned 67 of them as of 1989, and I don't know if he's made any upgrades or added the one he lacked then. Would it be possible for Have-Camera, Will Travel to come to St. Louis to photograph any upgrades, etc? I don't know if C. could make it that far as she doesn't travel well. J. McGuigan says Central States will be in Indianapolis in early April; I can make that, but I'm sure I won't be able to make Las Vegas for EAC.

We send our greetings to all.

Frank and Cathy Wilkinson

R. TETTENHORST
P. O. Box 14020
Saint Louis, Missouri 63178

April 18, 1994

Mr. Frank Wilkinson
2501 Soldiers Home Rd., Apt. 2C
W. Lafayette, IN 47906

Dear Frank:

Enclosed is a copy of the real estate section from the Sunday *St. Louis Post Dispatch* of April 10 and a map of St. Louis county. The Sigma-Aldrich plant is very near I-55. Some of the South County suburbs in the corridor along I-55 would give a relatively short commute. Communities such as Mehlville, Lemay, Affton, and Bayless come to mind.

Since you mentioned the east side of the river, Marsha brought in the real estate section from the *Belleville News Democrat*. She lives in Illinois, along with about one-third of the people who work in downtown St. Louis. Belleville, Fairview Heights, and a number of other communities in Illinois are nice places to live and provide many of the homes for people who work at Edison Brothers and elsewhere.

I am also enclosing a copy of the Sigma-Aldrich annual report. You will see a familiar name listed among the directors on the inside back cover. This report to shareholders gives management's perspective on the operations of the company, which should be of interest to any prospective executive. Information about the common stock price, dividends, etc., is on page 11.

It looks as though the first half of 1994 could be a significant time for you and Cathy. Marilyn joins me in sending our best wishes.

Sincerely,

Tett

R. Tettenhorst

mb

Enclosures

Frank Wilkinson

May 16, 1994

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Dear Ted,

I am glad I am not writing another business letter! Thanks for the information about Sigma Chemical Co and the housing costs around St. Louis. I don't know if they're still interested in me or not. I haven't received a ding yet.

Our baby is due in two weeks, but can come ± 2 weeks from the due date, so his/her arrival is expected within the next month. We are pretty excited and have most everything ready. My younger sister is having her 5th tomorrow & she'll be 42 in June. C will be 38 in July. We don't intend to match my sister, who started her menagerie at age 35.

As you may know, Donald Partrick is a non-participant in any half cent photo survey. You may pass along some information from me that may get him to change his status. He bought the Norweb 1842 Original via Hansen. The pedigree was listed as Ex Empire. The Empire plate matches the George H Earle coin, but not the Norweb plate. If the Norweb coin is actually the Earle-Empire specimen, it was almost certainly dipped or cleaned as the Earle-Empire coin has a dark streak running through the left stars. (Or the Bowers plate in Norweb was really doctored with) Having someone like me around could help avoid such a purchase. Also, the 97-1 I bought at Int'l Stacks Double Struck

I would like to see the 1836 Original from the Sept 1935 Morgenthau sale. It is worn a bit on the curls back of the face. It may have been a bulged so-called 1st Restrike that was spent or used as a pocket piece. If it were the former, it would indicate the 1st Restrikes of 1836 weren't restrikes after all.

Best regards and thanks again, Frank and Cathy

R. TETTENHORST
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June 7, 1994

Dr. Frank Wilkinson
2501 Soldiers Home Rd., Apt. 2C
West Lafayette, IN 47906

Dear Frank:

We are anxiously awaiting word about the new variety of Wilkinson, which should be known informally at W3! Please send us the details about this definitely mint state specimen.

I am not sure that Partrick will be moved to participate in your half cent photo survey. However, I will mention your comments to him when I get an appropriate opportunity. Also, there is another non-participant collection that I may be able to get you photographs of, although I am not sure. I am working on it for you.

Eric recently gave me a copy of the attached article from the May 1916 issue of "The Numismatist" which presents George Ross' list of half cent varieties. This article was undoubtedly written almost simultaneously with the publication of Gilbert's book (March 1916). It would be interesting to know if there was any connection. Thought you might like to have a copy for your files.

Sincerely,

Tett

R. Tettenhorst

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Enclosure

Frank R Wilkinson
July 19, 1994
2501 Soldiers Home Road Apt 2C
West Lafayette IN 47906

Dear Tett.

Lawrence Gilbert Chet Wilkinson arrived screaming at 7:35 PM on June 15th. He weighed in at 8 lbs exactly. A few hours later he was taken to the neonatal unit to be treated for pneumonia. He was released to his parents on June 25th. We have been quite busy since then! He has brownish blond hair, which I've already had to trim. The local paper wanted to do a story on a new father whose child was in the neonatal units. The nurses recommended me. Lawrence & I were featured on the front page of the Lafayette J&C on Father's Day. The doctors have told us to keep him away from crowds, children, animals, and dust until mid-August to give his lungs a chance to recover fully from the tremendous insult he suffered. He's a pretty good baby, but it is NO FUN trying to get him to sleep when he doesn't feel like it, but C & I need to. Everyone but I claim he looks like me. Lawrence is a nice dignified version of C's father's name of Larry. Gilbert is my dad's name. And Chet is the name of my best friend who died about the time Cathy & I met. We call him Lawrence.

I have reluctantly decided to accept superiors offer of payment of expenses only for my work on the Cohen catalog. If the payment in time, I may be at the ANA in Detroit. Do you plan to attend?

I have been working esp. hard on the pedigrees of the proof only ½ ¢'s. I think I've been making real progress w. them. The Brand inventory I got from Eric in 1991 has a ton of info. I'm planning to find out where Brand got the coins on the list Eric gave me - this list includes the Brand inventory number which can be traced at Johns Hopkins U. I know that a 1793-3, 94-9, 95-5b, 02-2, and 46-2nd of yours are on that list. (Also your old 1854 so-called copper-nickel proof Ex Dupont-Spence) Do you want to know where Brand got these coins?

That's it for now.

Your friend,

Frank Wilbanks

8/4/94

ERIC NEWMAN

For your information, Frank Wilkinson is a tireless researcher on half cents. He was also featured in another capacity in the local newspaper on Father's Day.

FROM THE DESK OF BERNARD EDISON

8/4/94

ROBIN

Frank Wilkinson, who was featured in a Father's Day article in his local newspaper, is one of my half cent friends. His son, Lawrence, was born just a couple of months after Benjie, and we have compared notes!

Dad

FROM THE DESK OF BERNARD EDISON

R. TETTENHORST
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August 4, 1994

Mr. Fred L. Lake
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Dear Fred:

Frank Wilkinson, who probably knows more about half cents and half cent literature than anyone now active in the field, told me that the George Ross articles had been reprinted. They appeared in the Lapp/Silberman anthology entitled U.S. Large Cents 1793-1857.

The first of these articles appeared as early as December 1913 and a number of others in late 1915. It is interesting that no mention of these detailed articles appears in Gilbert's book, which was published in 1916.

Sincerely,

R. Tettenhorst

mb

8/4/94

ERIC

I have this book at home. I assume you have it in your library as well.

Frank Wilkinson
September 8, 1994
2501 Soldiers Home Road Apt 2C
West Lafayette IN 47906

Dear Tett and Marilyn,

Cathy and I want to thank you so much for the gift of the hand-quilted blanket for our new baby boy, Lawrence. As the newspaper article stated, he has truly changed our lives - for the better. God really blessed me when He brought me Cathy, and again with Lawrence.

I spent the last weekend in August w. the Wrights (C & L went too!) I found out a lot about the Brand collection and other half cents. The Word's Greatest Collection had a Dr Edwards copy and a reverse impression of the Dr. Edwards copy. I made a list of the significant ½ ¢'s in the WGC, but I have no idea where any of the coins are now. The Brand inventory sheets I got from Eric probably represent 1/10 to 1/4 of all the Brand half cents.

By the way, Superior has not paid me, yet. I went to the ANA because Cathy thought I should go. I heard that Superior is in bankruptcy court. It doesn't please me that they are in a pickle, but it by no means surprizes me. It was strange that when I was cataloging Roger's coins and would read something outlandish, I'd force myself to read my daily devotions in both the Old & New Testaments (These were in a pattern I'd kept to for twelve years so it wasn't fudged by me). Every one of those evenings the O.T. reading included taking care of aliens, orphans, and widows. I knew that in the sight of the Lord, I was doing the correct thing.

Many of the Reale coins are very nice, but several are not nearly as nice as I thought they'd be. I did not get to photograph them - perhaps when they get new owners.

Best regards

Frank & Cathy Wilkinson

Frank & Cathy Wilkinson
2501 Soldiers Home Rd Apt 2C
West Lafayette IN 47906

Dec. 11, 1994

Where do the heavy planchet 2nd R's fit in?

Dear Ted & Marilyn,

We are doing fine which translated means 'Laurence is doing really, fine." At six months he is crawling, exploring, eating rugs and video cassettes, eating solid food (for real), smiling more, and crying a whole lot less. We are thankful at this season for our little boy.

I've recently been able to answer one of the very big questions regarding the proof only halfcents (like prove it definitively). What ~~was~~ the order of striking the Originals, First Restrikes & second Restrikes. The answer is Orig-1st R's-2nd Re. It may seem trivial, but ~~the reason~~ & what I'd read before didn't satisfy me. What convinced me is die deterioration on the rim of the 1842's around stars 6 and 7. If you'll look on the Norweb plates, an arc develops that just gets bigger. Later, die failure occurs on the rims around stars 1 and 2. The die break in the 1841's isn't convincing to me

I recently received a nice letter from Rick Coleman asking for CC help & need of help on the proofs. I said I'd help as I have time. His note indicate you now have an 1847 1st Restrike. Is this correct? If so, I'd like to photograph it. In case I don't write before EAC, could you also bring your now 1794 1b, 1794 2b, 1794 3b, 1794 4b, 1796 w 2 star break, and any other I haven't photographed previously? Could you also bring your Showers catalog w plates as well as the plates Smaker made up for you of the Brobston Coll? I'd like to photograph those plates. There was nothing new & crucial in the Armand Champa sale that you, Eric, or ANS all lack.

Best regards, Frank Cathy & Laurence

R. TETTENHORST
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April 10, 1995

Dr. Frank Wilkinson
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Dear Frank:

As you will remember, I do answer correpondence--eventually. It was nice hearing from you, and I assume that Lawrence is continuing to make excellent progress. Pretty soon he should be running around and getting into trouble!

Your information about the sequence of striking of the proofs of the 1840s is interesting. It doesn't seem trivial to me. Did your research give you any further insight into the possibility of different series of restrikes as described by Walter in his book of proof coins? How valid do you believe that analysis is? I have a complete run of the dates 1840 to 48 on the 96 grain planchets, which should validate that particular series as having been restruck at approximately the same time.

No, I do not have the 1847 first restrike yet. That was a mistake by Rick Coleman, which I believe he corrected on a subsequent listing.

I am looking forward to seeing you at EAC. It has been a long time. I will bring the coins you asked for and the Showers catalogue as well as the Brobston plates. With respect to your making a copy of the Brobston photographs, it is certainly okay with me, as you know. However, the copyright is owned by Stack's. Although they were kind enough to send me a set, I cannot reproduce them without their permission. I talked to Larry Stack about your project. He said if you would write him a letter telling him why you want a set of photographs, he will give it consideration and is inclined to say "yes" unless there is some technical legal complication. I gave him a sales talk, and he said he and the firm like to be cooperative with projects that are for the advancement of knowledge about the hobby. I will talk to you about this when I see you.

Mark Borckardt's half cent/large cent certainly brought an amazing price, didn't it?

See you soon.

Sincerely,

Tett

R. Tettenhorst

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June 3, 1995
Frank Wilkinson
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Dear Tett,

It was good to see you, as always, at the recent EAC convention in Cinn. I took copious notes on all the proofs and the business strikes whose current owners are unknown to me from the show's catalogue. When I have enough time to digest all the info I have, a nearly complete story should be at hand. I wrote Larry Stack a letter as to why I want prints of the Brobston plates, but haven't heard back from him, yet. Has he contacted you? The pictures of the coins you brought turned out very well. Do you need prints, or are you fine on that score? It seems that your collection just gets better every year. JRM has added a few coins, that, tome, seem finest known: 1794 C2a Ex Norweb, 1826 C-2, & 1832 C-1. What is your opinion of these vis-a-vis your pieces? Have you gotten any of the Weber Draped bust pieces? Mike Packard did a decent diplomatic job of describing Bill's high prices in his EAC write-up. Were you the final buyer of the 1796-7 & 1804 -3, in the EAC sale. I photographed both of these just before the sale itself.

I haven't photographed your 1794 C5a Ex Jon A stash or the 1794 C-9 Ex Auc '90 etal.

I checked out October 1964 from the Library and read it all one day when I was sick. It was a fascinating book. I would hope the tendentiousness that was much more prevalent in the Yankee than Cardinal organization has nearly vanished from modern corporate U.S.A. His statements about George Crowe weren't exactly true. GC was the age stated, He GRADUATED from Indiana Central College, now the University of Indianapolis, in May, 1943. He graduated from high school four or five years earlier. Was Indiana Mr. Basketball, which is a REALLY BIG DEAL here. His brother Ray Crowe was Oscar Robertson's high school basketball coach. THEORY TIME: It's a reasonable conjecture that George and Ray Crowe profoundly influenced two of their protegee's, who happened to be star athletes: Curt Flood and Oscar Robertson who both went on to assault the reserve clause in baseball and basketball, respectively. My father told me the Crowes grew up in Franklin, IN, which is just south of Indianapolis. I have no idea of what was in the Crowes' background that directly or indirectly they could have been so influential. If you know David Halberstam, you could pass on my Theory to him, It could make for a good book since the Crowes, Flood, and Oscar are all still alive (Note: I'm Indiana, there is only one Oscar!) My dad says Oscar would have eaten Michael Jordon alive. He is not a KKKer or any such, but has never been "liberal" in his attitudes towards blacks, but he is adamant in defending Oscar Robertson as the best basketball player ever.

That 1797 C 3b / 1796 NC 7 has been the object of a lot of ink in Penny-Wise. I think, it's a record, by far, for any single coin in PW. AT thought Whitney got it for a reasonable price. In my opinion, most coppers that bring that kind of money should be mint state.

Do you think I should charge for my services which collectors / dealers plan to use to make a lot of money? Or, do think I should do what I've always done for free? If I go pro, I'd probably write more of the technical stuff for publication in PW. I really would like your opinion on this one.

All is well here.

Best regards and God bless,

Frank

R. TETTENHORST
P. O. Box 14020
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June 10, 1995

Dr. Frank Wilkinson
2501 Soldiers Home Rd., Apt. 2C
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Dear Frank:

Always good to hear from you. Your letters always contain interesting information. Here are answers to some of your questions and comments.

- I have not heard from Larry Stack and wouldn't expect to. He knows I am in favor of giving you prints, since I asked him if it was okay.

- Yes, I would like to have prints of the pictures you took, to add to the other good pictures I have that you took in the past.

- We can photograph the coins of mine that you have not taken previously at any time that you want, if we can get together somewhere. For your information, I also purchased from Tom Reynolds the 1806 C2 which he had at EAC. It was better than mine on the reverse, in my opinion.

- I will have to take some time to evaluate your question on Jim's acquisitions. I did not acquire any of the Weber draped bust coins, although a few were better than mine.

- Yes, I think October, 1964 was a marvelous book. Mr. Halberstam writes about baseball with a great depth of interest and understanding. It is a pity that he spent so much of his life writing about peripheral subjects! Why don't you write Mr. Halberstam directly about George Crowe? It would be fun for you to have some correspondence with such a noted baseball authority. Besides, your knowledge of the situation is more direct than mine. I use to watch Oscar play when the Hawks were still in St. Louis. There were several other sensational guards during that period, such as Cousy and Jerry West, but Oscar had a level of finesse and skill that was a step ahead of the others, in my opinion. By the way, I have a personal story about Cousy that I will tell you sometime when we get together.

- I don't have an opinion about whether you should charge for your services. However, I definitely think you should write more technical stuff for Penny-Wise. The rest of us would enjoy the knowledge, and you deserve the recognition of your expertise. In general, I would say that you should

probably not charge for the occasional one item opinion. However, if somebody wants a written evaluation or certification of a coin from you, you might charge a small fee such as Bob Grellman does for late date large cents. However, in his case, attributions are much more of a challenge, and it is probably more realistic for him to charge because of the volume of questions that he gets than it would be for you. In any case, if someone gives you a major project, such as the Goldbergs did with Roger's collection or Joe Flynn did with Jon Hanson for the Showers' write-up, then you should definitely charge them. I would suggest that the lowest rate for that would be $25 an hour, which is $200 per eight hour day plus any travel expenses, etc.

- In a previous letter, you wrote me that you had resolved the order of strike of the proof only half cents of the 1840s. When you looked at the die deterioration, did you reach any conclusion as to where the 96 grain planchets for the second restrikes came in the sequence?

And, finally, a pleasant item for you. Eric told me that he had discovered the full original list of the half cents from the Colonel Green's collection with a description of the division between himself and Burdette Johnson. It also shows the retail prices allocated to each of the coins. Knowing of your interest in tracing the pedigrees and particularly your interest in Colonel Green, I asked Eric for permission to send you a copy of the list. He said yes, and the list is enclosed. I don't remember if I gave you all or part of this information in the past. However, here it is for your enjoyment.

Please give my best to Cathy, whom I am still hoping to meet some time, and to Lawrence, who should probably have been named Ebenezer Gilbert Wilkinson.

Sincerely,

Tett

R. Tettenhorst

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Enclosure

Wed.
ask EPN whether he has any objection to sending to FW

Half Cents

send 1 copy to F. Wilkinson
No objection
6/1/95 mb 5-24

418 coins

23	1793 ½ ✓				250
28	1794 ✓				100
15	1795 (16) ✓				50
	1796	Pole good (two)		✓ 100	150
	1796	Pole unc	for $150.00	✓ 150	250
9	1797 (12) ✓				
4	1802				
10	1811				
[redacted]	1831	8 large	1 small	(one missing)	
	1836	IIII	I	✓	
	1840	I	II	✓	
	41	IIII	I	✓	
	42		III	✓	1500
	43	I		✓	54
	44	I	I	✓	
	45	I	II	✓	1500
	46	III	II	✓	
	47		III	✓	
	48	II	III	✓	
	49	I	IIII [redacted]	✓	
	52		~~IIII~~	✓	

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O = any other letter

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COINS DELIVERED TO ERIC P. NEWMAN AND B.G. JOHNSON

FROM GREEN COLLECTION OF 1/2 CENTS

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1793	G. 1. Unc., and absolutely splendid light olive on obv. red changing to olive on reverse	bfxcm	$125.00	1793 1793	G. 2. Unc., Fine	lxmc mxco	100.00 25.00
1794	G. 4. Unc., reddish olive	oexl	75.00	1794	G. 8. Unc., splendid	muex	75.00
1795	With pole. Punctuated date. Unc., olive	bexc	27.50	1795 1796	G. 5. Very fine G. 6. Very fine	oex exc	12.50 15.00
"	G. 1. Lettered edge with pole to cap. Unc., red	mexl	75.00	1794	G. 9. Unc., red	oxcm	75.00
"	G. 5. Without pole to cap. Unc., splendid	mxco	40.00	1793 1794	G. 1. V.fine G. 9. Fine	mxco oex	27.50 12.50
"	Plain edge. Without pole to cap Struck over a Talbot-Allum and Lee Cent. Unc.	bexm	15.00	1794	Very fine	nxc	15.00
1796	With pole. Very good, strong.	buxcm	150.00	1797 1796 1800	V.fine, some scratches Pole. V.good Splendid red olive. Unc.	oue fxcm nxc	10.00 125.00 15.00
1797	1 over 1 of date. Ex. fine	bexm	20.00	1797 "	G. 2. V.good Let. edge. V.fair	lex oex	12.50 8.50
"	G. 3. Unc.	mxco	60.00	1795	Let. Edge. Punctuated date. Unc., olive	uex	60.00
1800	Unc., red	bnxc	15.00	1794	G. 1. Unc., chocolate	exc	35.00
1803	Unc., nearly bright red.	bckx	20.00				
1804	G. 4. Unc.	boe	2.50				
"	G. 8. Crosslet 4. Severe die break. Unc.	bex	3.50				
"	G. 3. Crosslet 4. Stemless. Unc.	bex	3.50	1797	Plain edge. Fine	exm	12.50
"	Plain 4. Stemless. Unc.	bex	2.50				
"	" " With stems. G. 1. Fine	oxc	10.00	1804	Plain 4. Stems. V.fine	ue	10.00
1805	G. 2. Unc., original red.	bexc	12.50	1803	Unc., red	nxm	25.00
"	Unc., splendid red color	bexc	15.00	1809	" olive	mxo	2.50

1806	G. 1. Small 6. Stemless wreath Unc., red	oxc	7.50	1805	Stemless. Unc.	oex	7.50
"	Small 6. Stems to wreath. Unc., ex. rare	bfex	20.00	1808	over '07 V.fine	lxc	20.00
"	Large 6. Stems to wreath. Unc., bright red	moe	4.00	1807	Unc., splendid	lxc	15.00
1807	Curious die break on edge of obv. Unc., red	lxc.	12.50	1804	Crosslet 4. V.fine	oe	1.25
1808	over '07 Unc., splendid olive. Possibly the finest known specimen	oexc	75.00	1793	G. 3. Unc., splendid, light olive	lxcm	100.00
1808	Unc., splendid dark olive	boxm	12.50	1802	Abt. v.good	moe	10.00
				1803	V.fine	ex	3.50
1809	G. 2. Unc., brown olive	bue	4.00	1809	over '06 Unc.	ex	7.50
"	G. 1. Unc., olive	bue	3.00				
1809	over '06 Unc., glossy olive	oex	12.50	1809	over '06 Unc., olive	ue	10.00
				1809	Unc., olive	moe	2.50
1810	Unc., splendid olive	buex	25.00	1810	Unc., glossy olive	exc	25.00
1811	G. 1. Abt. unc., olive	buex	30.00	1811	G. 2. Unc., some bruises	uex	35.00
1825	Unc., red	mxo	2.50	1800	V.fine	ex	2.50
1826	Splendid dark red proof	bmxc	15.00	1794	G. 1. Very fine	lxc	15.00
1828	12 stars. Unc., glossy chocolate	bex	7.50	1803	G. 3. Abt. unc.		2.50
				1828	12 stars. Unc. olive	mxo	5.00
"	13 " " bright red	bex	2.00	1828	12 stars, Cleaned	oe	1.50
1829	Unc., very bright red	mxo	2.50	1805	G. 1. Fine	ex	2.50
1831	Die break on rev. Bril. proof	lxcm	60.00	Already received. 1831 proof		lxcm	60.00
1832	G. 1. Unc., bright red	bex	2.50	1806	G. 3. Abt. unc.	ex	2.25
				1811	G. 1. Very fine	moe	7.50
1833	Brilliant proof	oex	12.50	1807	Ex. fine	ex	5.00
1834	Unc., bright red	boe	2.00	1834	Unc., red	ex	2.00
1835	Unc., bright red	boe	2.00	1835	Unc., red	oe	2.00

1836	Perfect brilliant proof	lxcm	60.00	Already received. 1836 Proof	lxcm	60.00
"	With reverse of the type of 1840. Perfect bril. proof	lxcm	75.00	1849 Small date. Small berries Proof	lixm	85.00
1840	Large berries. Splendid proof	lxcm	60.00	1840 Small berries. Proof	lxcm	60.00
1841	" " Bril. proof	lxcm	65.00	Already received. 1841 large berries. Proof	lxcm	65.00
1842	Small " Perfect pr.	mexl	65.00	Alread rec. 1842 small berries proof	mexl	65.00
1843	Large " " "	lxcm	65.00	1841 Large berries. Bril.pr.	lxcm	65.00
1844	Large " " "	lxcm	65.00	1844 Small berries. Proof	lxcm	65.00
1845	Small " Bril. proof	lxcm	65.00	1848 Small " Bril. pr.	lxcm	65.00
1846	" " " "	lxcm	60.00	Already rec. 1846 Large berries proof	lxcm	70.00
1847	" " " "	lxcm	65.00	" " 1847 Small berries Proof	lxcm	65.00
1848	Large " " red "	lxcm	75.00	" " 1848 Small berries Proof	lxcm	65.00
1849	" date. Unc., semi-proof	mxc	5.00	1849 Large date. Unc. red	mxc	4.00
				" " " " olive	ex	1.25
1849	Small date. Small berries. Very brilliant proof	mxcm	85.00	1849 Small date. Small berries proof	lixm	85.00
1850	Unc., red	boe	1.50	1850 Unc., some red	boe	1.25
1851	" "	boe	1.25	1851 " red	boe	1.50
1852	Small berries. Bril. pr.	oexm	40.00	Alread rec. 1852 small berries proof	oexm	40.00
1853	Unc., purple	boe	1.25	1853 Unc., red	le	1.25
1854	Unc., black	bnx	1.25	1854 " olive	oe	1.25
1855	Unc., bright red	boe	1.50	1855 " red	oe	1.25
1855	Pattern Regular type in copper nickel. AW 216. Proof	boex	12.50			
1856	Brilliant, sharp bright red proof	oex	15.00	1840 Small berries. Polished proof	oxcm	40.00
1857	Splendid purple pr.	bnxc	15.00			

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6/27/87

Teh,

Here are the balance of the RSC envelopes I've had. They belong to you as part of the notes you bought from Debbie after RSC died. It is so hard to believe he has been gone SEVEN years! I miss him terribly.

Did you get the 1795 C2b in the Catherine Bollowe sale? It is CC1 by a couple Miles.

I am putting together a few ½¢ articles for PW that I hope you like. I am having Gene Brais check one on the 1804 C6 - his favorite variety. Gene has said he ought to trade you his 1804 C5, finest known. I think it is Mint State.

Smith Kline may move our group to the San Francisco area. We are excited about the possibilities there, but dread the actual move itself.

I made a mistake (another one, actually). In a recent letter I said that a product of primes = a number divisible by two numbers. But Archimedes said "Divisible by a prime NOT in the list of primes". I hate making that kind of error.

I doubt if I'll get to the ANA even though New York City is only 2-3 hrs away. The timing is terrible for the company relocation & the like. I do expect to see the catalogs of the Dr. Montgomery and John J. Pittman coins. I suspect the former may have a coin that would eliminate the year of your embarrassment (1847 1/2). JRM doesn't think so.

Lawrence & Cathy are fine

God bless,

Grant

P.S. I saw EBS stock went up. Hope it continues.

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July 2, 1997

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Dear Frank:

Thanks very much for your recent letter enclosing envelopes and other material from Roger Cohen. After I go through it I will put this material with the other Roger Cohen memorabilia, which are in our file. I, too, miss him a great deal and enjoy talking to Debby on those occasions when we speak. A few comments on other items in your letter are as follows:

- You will love living in the Bay Area if the Smith-Kline move goes through. It is expensive for housing, parking, etc., depending on what section your office is in and where you choose to live. There are some wonderful neighborhoods and some terrible neighborhoods in that region, but I am sure the company will provide you with guidance and resource material. Tadish's, on or near the 200 block of California Street, is my favorite seafood restaurant in the whole world.

- I don't think the 1847 first restrike is in the Montgomery half cents. The list of proof half cents that they published in March (see attached) does not include it.

- No, I did not get the 1795 C2b in the Bullowa Sale. I understand it went for $100,000 plus the buyer's premium, which was far over my bid. I wasn't even close to being the underbidder.

- I am looking forward to reading your articles in PW. I am also planning to write on the thin planchet lettered edge specimens of 1794 C9 and 1795 C1 and C2. I know of at least a half dozen. I have a hypothesis that they may actually have been trial strikings on planchets of various weights in preparation for the switch reduction in weights which occurred subsequently in 1795. Do you know of any specimens, and do you have any opinion on this? I will send you the article before it appears.

- Thanks for the tip about Gene Braig's 1804 C5. I will contact him sometime later this month.

- I first encountered the statement about prime numbers in Euclid's proof that there are an infinite number of primes. In that case, Euclid created an indirect proof in which he assumed there was a finite number of proofs.

He then looked at the product of all these proofs plus one. He concluded that this number was either prime or divisible by some other prime not on the list. Either alternative proved that it was not possible to create a finite list of all primes.

By the way, some years ago I created a rather short proof that there was no limit to the number of consecutive non-primes between two consecutive primes. I can demonstrate a gap in the sequence of prime numbers of any given size, no matter how large. This is true even though the number of primes beyond that gap remains infinite. Intuitively, this seems like a contradiction, but it is not.

If you would like a copy of my proof, let me know and I will dig it out of the old files.

- I recently had a set of photographs made for my office wall of my favorite specimen of each of the five years of liberty cap half cents. As long as the negatives were being produced, I made a set in smaller size for you, Rick Coleman, and Bill Weber, which I took to EAC. Since you were not in Las Vegas, I still have your set, which I am enclosing. I hope you enjoy them.

Sincerely,

R. Tettenhorst

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Enclosures

Subj: **Re: 96 no poles**
Date: 2/28/00 1:59:46 PM Central Standard Time

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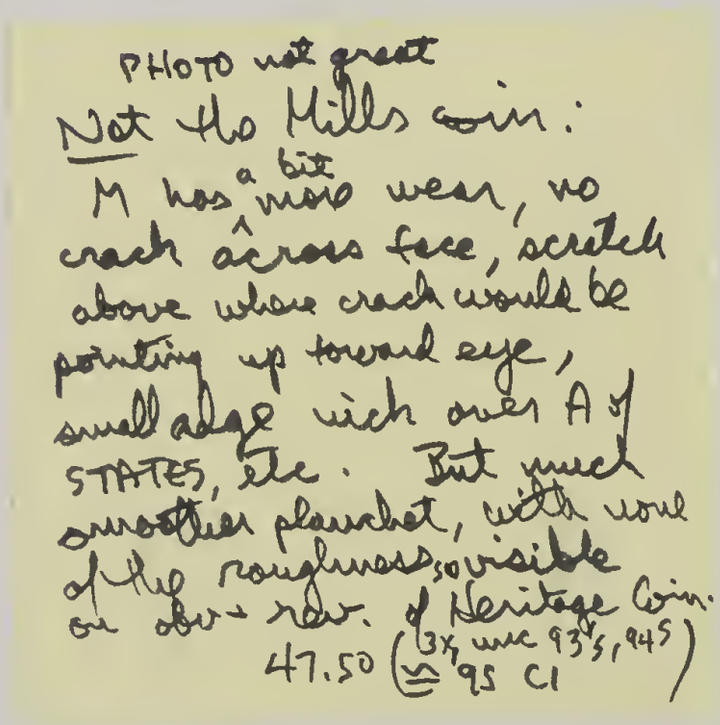
Frank,

I have now been able to look at the plates in Eric's lovely copy of the Mills Sale. The plates do not show much fine detail, however it is clear to me that the Heritage coin is NOT the Mills coin.

Easily noticeable differences include:
1) The Mills coin has had more wear, so some details are missing or fainter than on the Heritage coin,
2) In particular, the die crack has been worn off the face of Liberty so that none of the crack is visible except in the fields,
3) The Mills coin has much smoother surfaces and the plate shows none of the heavy corrosion and pitting that is so evident on the other coin,
4) The Mills coin has a clear, rather long scratch on the face just above where the crack was, angled upward toward the back of the eye, and
5) The Mills coin has a visible edge ding above the A in STATES.

Judging from the plates alone, I would clearly prefer the Mills coin because of the roughness on the Heritage coin.

Regards to Cathy and Lawrence, Tett



Subj: **Re: EAC Region 8 Newsletter #184 - 27 February 2000**
Date: 2/28/00 2:22:35 PM Central Standard Time

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Mark:

Please add me to the list of those who definitely plan to be at the convention.

Another item may be of interest to my half cent brethren. A friend recenly asked me if the 1796 no pole in the recent Heritage sale could be the one in Chapman's Mills Sale of 1906. I was able to inspect a copy of the Mills catalogue with plates, and it was clear to me that the two coins are definitely different specimens. The Mills coin has slightly more wear but much smoother surfaces, as well as some clearly distingushing marks that do not appear on the Heritage coin. Judging from the plates alone, I believe most of us would prefer the Mills coin.

Incidentally, the Mills specimen fetched an impressive $47.50 ! This was about three times the price for each of three unciculated 1793 and 1794 half cents in that sale, but only about one thousandth of the $47,150 paid in the recent auction ! Because of the magic of compounding, however, I think that works out to around a 7.6% increase annually, if you ignore any possible difference in the value of the two coins.

It would be appreciated if anyone who has additional pedigree information about either coin would let us know.

Regards, Tett

Subj: **Re: More on the Mills 96 no pole**
Date: 2/28/00 2:35:07 PM Central Standard Time

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Frank:

Some further observations on the Mills 96 no pole. I have anotation in my copy of the Breen book that at one time you thought the Mills coin my be the plate coin in Gilbert. However, in comparing the two plates, neither of which is very sharp, it doesn't seem that this is the case. The Mills coin appears to have more wear and less detail.

The Mills coin brought a then impressive $47.50. This was about three times the price paid for each of three uncirculated 1793 and 1794 half cents. It is also almost exactly one thousandth of the $47,150 paid in the Heritage sale. If my rough estimate is correct, that works out to a compound annual appreciation of about 7.6%.

Regards, Tett

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Description

1796 1/2 C No Pole Fine 15 PCGS. B-1a, C-1, R.6. On October 14, 1796, the Philadelphia Mint coined 1,390 half cents and delivered them for public distribution ten days later. These are the only 1796-dated half cents produced since the balance of the 114,090 half cents struck earlier in the year bore the date 1795. While we do not know the exact breakdown between the two 1796-dated die marriages, we do know that representatives of the No Pole variety are undeniably rarer than their already elusive With Pole counterparts. Walter Breen (1983) estimates that about 20 specimens of the No Pole variety are extant today, many of which display heavy wear and/or porosity. All known examples were struck on rolled copper planchets, although Cohen claims to have examined specimens that had been struck on cut down large cents. As such, Breen has designated the rolled copper planchet pieces as B.1a and left the B.1b designation open in the event that examples struck on cut down large cents surface at a future date.

In his *Encyclopedia of United States Half Cents,* Walter Breen listed 3 Uncirculated, 1 Very Fine, 2 Fine, and 6 Very Good examples in his Condition Census for this die variety, some of which may be duplicates. After careful research, we feel confident in concluding that the present specimen does not fit the description of the coins owned at one time by Mrs. R. Henry Norweb (graded About Very Fine by Breen), Ellis Robison (graded Fine by Breen), Hon. George M. Parsons (graded Very Good by Breen), or Henry C. Kingman (graded Very Good by Breen). Either this is the Fine specimen that appeared as lot 596 in Lester Merkin's sale of the Blaise J. Dantone Collection in March, 1969 or it is a newcomer to the Condition Census.

Regardless of this particular coin's pedigree, there can be little doubt that its appearance in this auction is an occasion of particular pride for us. This is the first 1796 No Pole half cent that we have handled in several years and it is much nicer than the VF 20 Porous example that realized $12,075 as lot 8087 in our 1997 ANA Signature Sale. Both sides of this coin show smooth chocolate-brown coloration that is slightly deeper on the reverse. There is some pitting on Liberty's portrait and scattered corrosion is noticed about the obverse devices, but we stress that this coin is extremely attractive for the issue. Both the rims and the surfaces are free of sizeable circulation marks and the remaining definition is rather sharp for the median circulated grade. The bisecting obverse die crack is well developed and suggests that this coin is a later die state. A legendary rarity among early copper issues, we anticipate that this lovely coin will inspire spirited bidding when it comes up for auction.

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7/18/00

Frank,

Here is a list of the half cents I have bought since 1988 which I consider to be significant.

1794 C8 EF } Stack's James
1802 C1 VF+ } Steele Sale
1828 C2 Gem Unc - Terranova
1849 C1 large Date Proof - Sta Lavina
1794 C5 Unc FK ex Halfenstein + others - Naftzger
1794 C9 Unc Stabbed NGC GSRB - McGuigan
1804 C13 Ch. Red Unc - Lavina
1794 C5b VG } Roger Cohen Sale
1794 C6b VF }
1795 C2b F+ }
1794 2b, 3b, 4b Bill Weber
1794 1b VF Leidman
1826 C2 Unc ex Garrett - Weber
1826 C1 Gem reddish unc } Gene Reale
1837 tobacco red }
1849 C1 Gem red unc }
1851 C1 " " }
1854 C1 Gem, much red }
1855 C1 Ch red unc }

1795 C2a Unc FK } Bowers
1847 C3 Proof 69.4 gr } Eliasberg
1806 C3 VF FK Heritage ANA
1804 C4 AU+ FK Stacks Dec 97 Sale
1804 C3 FK }
1804 C12 Ch. Unc FK } Bill Weber
1805 C2 EF+ FK }
1806 C2 AU+ }
1796 C1 BS 1, plugged! No die crack but too rough to be sure.
1795 C4b 114 gr. but no large cent undertype visible - Skinkus
1831 1st restrike proof, different state of reverse crack (now four!) - Rick Cohen

For twelve years, it is a sadly short list! Note that I did not buy a 1795 C5a from Stacks that you mentioned. Mine came from Bill Bareford in 1984.

I have not included some duplicates of proof-only dates, errors, die states, etc. Also the grading and FK status are usually those of the seller. My want list of highest priority is woefully short: 1794 7b, 8b, or 9b, 1795 4b with undertype visible, 1796 C1 without die crack clearly, 1847 First restrike. By the way, I do have about ten 1794-5 thin planchet lettered-edge specimens of 949, 951, and 952.

Regards, Tett

Subj:
Date: 9/6/00 10:27:23 PM Central Daylight Time

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Hi Tett,

It is item #425087192. It is listed as a Very Fine 1804 Half Cent. The coin looks like a nice VG to Fine with good color. I hope you still have time to get it. I take my computer to work for a couple days at a time in order to transfer files as needed onto the company computer, and I no longer go on line there with my computer (to do so requires my going into the president's office and sitting in his chair, which is kind of okay as he is gone 90% of the time, but it really doesn't look right). The coin is definitely triple struck.

Call me at home 203-734-2031 or work 203-881-1032 Ext 115 if I can be of help in this matter. Please, do not share my work number with other coin collectors.

Best regards,

Frank

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June 4, 2002
Frank Wilkinson
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Dear Tett,

I have been quite busy - hence the delay in responding to your note of 5/6/02 The list is indeed of interest to me. 1) My good friend may be correct in saying that the Newcomb 1/2ds went to Mehlin 19[illegible] However, two of the coins on this list, the 1808/7 and 1811 wide date were in the Brand collection Directly → DCJ collection, so there is a bit of a disconnect here. 2) It would be absolutely wonderful to lay our hands on the Newcomb inventory book, which I can imagine does exist, a good guess would be the library of Ted Naftzger as he wound up with the original plates of the Newcomb cent book (Breen & Collins described their delight at being shown this - was written up in Phil ages ago) 3) Needless to say, this was a great collection that we didnt know existed w most of the coins in top condition (50 or higher).

Where are the coins now? Mostly - I don't know. The ones I do follows:

1793 G4 Ex Earle - Hanson Coll. Condition 45-50
1794 G4 Either your or JRM coins (~~Norweb~~ ~~[illegible]~~ - possibly Green)
1794 G5 (C2) - Most likely the Wolfson coin - not seen by me or anyone I know
1794 G6 C6, VG - likely the Anderson Dupont coin.
1794 G8 C5 - Likely the Helfenstein or Harriman coin,
1795 G6 C5 - Without a doubt, the JRM 1795 C5b!
1796 G1 C2 - Most likely the Partrick specimen No McCoy Levick Zanoni Miller - Newcomb - Green - AD - RT
1797 G4 C1 - Likely the Claude Davis coin
1803 G1 C4 - Almost certainly the Anderson Dupont specimen No
1804 G9 C7 - If correctly attributed, the JRM coin
1808 G1, C2 - Your coin
1803 G3 C3 - Your coin, ex Showers
Out of order
1811 G2 C1 w Break - Wallace Lee Coll
1811 G2 C1 Proof Your coin
1831 & 1836 Sm. Berry Restrikes. What does Rick Coleman have to say about these two coins? My guess is what they went to Jas A Stack → Partrick

I think its information like this that we can use to get Hansen AND Partrick to participate with us. I know for a fact that the 1799 C1 he bought at the James A Stack sale is double struck! (Go look at the denticles in the catalog.

This is by far the simplest solution.

If Mehl bought some, or all, of the collection in 1935, then many of the coins wound up in your collection — Yes!!!

Life is frantic here. School will be over [illegible] 15th we drive the kids to Youngstown Ohio, where [illegible] will meet us and take them to South Bend. Our older niece is nearly 18, has one more year of school, and wants to relocate back to South Bend, while they are gone. Carol I will go to Maine for a few days.

I have written 3-or-4 articles for PW that I have not yet sent in

1) The 1796 C2 struck on a cut down cent in the Shomwalter collection
2). Liberty Cap half cents w mint red
3). PROOF that 10 to 30% of All half cents made exist today!
4). Description of a 'missing link' in the die deterioration of 1804 C6.

Let me know which ones you want to see first.

Say hi to the beautiful Marilyn & David. How is Eric doing?

God bless all,

Frank Wilkinson

P.S. I have played w primes again. I always wanted to know if I could estimate how many (per cent) of all numbers could be prime. When one realizes that all even numbers > 2 are not prime, that puts a limit on the % primes. But 1/3 of all even numbers > 3 cannot be prime, so I came up w a formula for the maximum % primes

$$\% = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{4}{5} \times \frac{6}{7} \times \frac{10}{11} \times \frac{12}{13}.$$

If you use all the primes out to 100, the % is 12. (As you can see, the denominator is the next prime, & the numerator is n-1. The percent will get small, but never hits zero!!

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June 17, 2002

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Dear Frank:

Here is an interesting little item for you. After I showed Eric your letter and e-mail about the Newcomb half cents, he went down to his basement files and dug out the attached. It is a record of the acquisition of the Colonel Green half cent collection by him in partnership with Burdette G. Johnson in April of 1943. Eric keeps good files! The cover page shows that they acquired 418 half cents for $2,500. There follows the division of the important coins between Eric and Burdette Johnson, with Johnson's estimated retail price. This may help you further link some of the Newcomb coins to the Missouri Cabinet. All of the coins on the left hand columns eventually went into the Missouri Cabinet, although a few have been subsequently traded as I acquired, or owned, better ones.

In any case, this should make enjoyable reading for you. Eric sends his regards.

Sincerely,

Tett

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Enclosures

c: Eric P. Newman

Half Cents

418 coins

23	1793 ½	✓			230
28	1794	✓			100
15	1795	(16) ✓			50
	1796	Pole good	(two)	✓ 100	150
	1796	Pole unc	for $150.00	✓ 150	300
9	1797	(12) ✓			
4	1802				
10	1811				
[redacted]	1831	8 large	1 small	(one missing)	
	1836	IIII	I	✓	
	1840	I	II	✓	
	41	IIII	I	✓	
	42		III	✓	1500
	43	I		✓	50
	44	I	I	✓	
	45	I	II	✓	1100
	46	III	II	✓	
	47		III	✓	
	48	II	III	✓	
	49	I	IIII [redacted]	✓	
	52		THH	✓	

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793	C. 1. Unc., and absolutely splendid light olive on obv. red changing to olive on reverse	bfxcm	$125.00	1793	C. 2. Unc.,	lxmc	100.00
				1793	Fine	mxco	25.00
794	C. 4. Unc., reddish olive	oexl	75.00	1794	C. 8. Unc., splendid	mnex	75.00
795	With pole. Punctuated date. Unc., olive	bexc	27.50	1795	C. 5. Very fine	oex	12.50
				1796	C. 6. Very fine	exc	16.00
"	C. 1. Lettered edge with pole to cap. Unc., red	mexl	75.00	1794	C. 9. Unc., red	oxcm	75.00
"	C. 5. Without pole to cap. Unc., splendid	mxcc	40.00	1793	C. 1. V.fine	mxco	27.50
				1794	C. 9. Fine	oex	12.50
"	Plain edge. Without pole to cap Struck over a Talbot-Allum and Lee Cent. Unc.	bexm	15.00	1794	Very fine	nxc	15.00
				1797	V.fine, some scratches	cue	10.00 -
796	With pole. Very good, strong.	bxcm	150.00	1796	Pole. V.good	fxcm	125.00 -
				1800	Splendid red olive. Unc.	nxc	15.00
797	1 over 1 of date. Ex. fine	bexm	20.00	1797	C. 2. V.good	lex	12.50
				"	Let. edge. V.fair	oex	8.50
"	C. 3. Unc.	mxcc	60.00	1795	Let. Edge. Punctuated date. Unc., olive	uex	60.00
800	Unc., red	bnxc	15.00	1794	C. 1. Unc., chocolate	exc	35.00
803	Unc., nearly bright red.	bnxx	20.00				
804	C. 4. Unc.	bxc	2.50				
"	C. 8. Crosslet 4. Severe die break. Unc.	bex	3.50				
"	C. 3. Crosslet 4. Stemless. Unc.	bex	3.50	1797	Plain edge. Fine	exm	12.50
"	Plain 4. Stemless. Unc.	bex	2.50				
"	" " With stems. C. 1. Fine	exc	10.00	1804	Plain 4. Stems. V.fine	ue	10.00
806	C. 2. Unc., original red.	bexc	12.50	1803	Unc., red	nxm	25.00
"	Unc., splendid red color	bexc	15.00	1809	" olive	mxc	2.50

806	G. 1. Small 6. Stemless wreath Unc., red	exs	7.50	1805	Stemless. Unc.	oex	7.50
"	Small 6. Stems to wreath. Unc., ex. rare	bfex	20.00	1806 over '07	V.fine	lxc	20.00
"	Large 6. Stems to wreath. Unc., bright red	moe	4.00	1807	Unc., splendid	lxc	15.00
807	Curious die break on edge of obv. Unc., red	lxc.	12.50	1804	Crosslet 4. V.fine	oe	1.25
808 over '07	Unc., splendid olive. Possibly the finest known specimen	exxc	75.00	1793	G. 3. Unc., splendid, light olive	lxcm	100.00
808	Unc., splendid dark olive	boxm	12.50	1802	Abt. v.good	moe	10.00
				1803	V.fine	ex	3.50
809	G. 2. Unc., brown olive	bue	4.00	1809	over '06 Unc.	ex	7.50
"	G. 1. Unc., olive	bue	3.00				
809 over '06	Unc., glossy olive	oex	12.50	1809 over '06	Unc., olive	ue	10.00
				1809	Unc., olive	moe	2.50
810	Unc., splendid olive	buex	25.00	1810	Unc., glossy olive	exc	25.00
811	G. 1. Abt. unc., olive	buex	30.00	1811	G. 2. Unc., some bruises	uex	35.00
1825	Unc., red	mse	2.50	1800	V.fine	ex	2.50
1826	Splendid dark red proof	bmxc	15.00	1794	G. 1. Very fine	lxc	15.00
1828	12 stars. Unc., glossy chocolate	bex	7.50	1803	G. 3. Abt. unc.		2.50
				1828	12 stars. Unc. olive	mxe	5.00
"	13 " " bright red	bex	2.00	1828	12 stars, Cleaned	oe	1.50
1829	Unc., very bright red	mxe	2.50	1805	G. 1. Fine	ex	2.50
1831	Die break on rev. Bril. proof	lxcm	60.00	Already received. 1831 proof		lxcm	60.00
1832	G. 1. Unc., bright red	bex	2.50	1806	G. 3. Abt. unc.	ex	2.25
				1811	G. 1. Very fine	moe	7.50
1833	Brilliant proof	oex	12.50	1807	Ex. fine	ex	5.00
1834	Unc., bright red	bee	2.00	1834	Unc., red	ex	2.00
1835	Unc., bright red	bee	2.00	1835	Unc., red	ee	2.00

1836	Perfect brilliant proof	lxcm	60.00	Already received. 1836 Proof	lxcm	60.00
"	With reverse of the type of 1840. Perfect bril. proof	lxcm	75.00	1849 Small date. Small berries Proof	lixm	85.00
1840	Large berries. Splendid proof	lxcm	60.00	1840 Small berries. Proof	lxcm	60.00
1841	" " Bril. proof	lxcm	65.00	Already received. 1841 large berries. Proof	lxcm	65.00
1842	Small " Perfect pr.	mexl	65.00	Alread rec. 1842 small berries proof	mexl	65.00
1843	Large " " "	lxcm	65.00	1841 Large berries. Bril.pr.	lxcm	65.00
1844	Large " " "	lxcm	65.00	1844 Small berries. Proof	lxcm	65.00
1845	Small " Bril. proof	lxcm	65.00	1848 Small " Bril. pr.	lxcm	65.00
1846	" " " "	lxcm	60.00	Already rec. 1846 Large berries proof	lxcm	70.00
1847	" " " "	lxcm	65.00	" " 1847 Small berries Proof	lxcm	65.00
1848	Large " " red "	lxcm	75.00	" " 1848 Small berries Proof	lxcm	65.00
1849	" date. Unc., semi-proof	mxo	5.00	1849 Large date. Unc. red	mxo	4.00
				" " " " olive	ex	1.25
1849	Small date. Small berries. Very brilliant proof	mxcm	85.00	1849 Small date. Small berries proof	lixm	85.00
1850	Unc., red	boe	1.50	1850 Unc., some red	boe	1.25
1851	" "	boe	1.25	1851 " red	boe	1.50
1852	Small berries. Bril. pr.	oexm	40.00	Alread rec. 1852 small berries proof	oexm	40.00
1853	Unc., purple	boe	1.25	1853 Unc., red	le	1.25
1854	Unc., black	bmx	1.25	1854 " Olive	ee	1.25
1855	Unc., bright red	boe	1.50	1855 " red	oe	1.25
1856	Pattern Regular type in copper nickel. AW 216. Proof	boex	12.50			
1856	Brilliant, sharp bright red proof	oex	15.00	1840 Small berries. Polished proof	oxcm	40.00
1857	Splendid purple pr.	bmxs	15.00			

1790.75

$ 1821.75

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April 43

FROM GREEN COLLECTION OF 1/2 CENTS

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Subj: **Brand Inventory**
Date: 2/6/2006 2:21:33 P.M. Central Standard Time
From: [redacted]
To:

Hi Tett,

Good to hear from you. Thanks for the inventory list from the Brand collection. I am listing the important coins in an ExCel file and will send it to you soon. Most of the important coins came from a single source who was a true student of half cents. Since this was a consignment from Armin Brand, half the coins from this fellow's collection went to Horace Brand. I have left blanks for the coins that went to Horace Brand; thence to the collecting public. I think it would be nice to know two things: 1) Who was this knowledgeable collector? and 2) What were the other half cents in this really great collection?

This is where you come in. I have not been a member of the ANS for close to twenty years. You are a stellar member. Could you send the information to them and have them answer these questions?

In addition, I have listed the balance of the great half cents on the sheet. It would be great if the ANS could/would answer who Brand bought these coins from and if there were other half cents in these consignments.

In the letter to you, Eric mentioned that there are other small lists of half cents from the Brand estate. Those would be VERY NICE to look at.

I would LOVE to be at EAC next year. I'll have to see how $ and time are as we approach April, 2007.

Best regards,

Frank

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Subj: **Re: 1826 Proof Half Cent**
Date: 3/15/2007 6:57:07 A.M. Central Daylight Time
From: [redacted]
To:

Hi Tett

I really wish I could come, but just cannot. Please show the 1826 C1 to Mike Packard, John Wright, and Ron Manley. Ron is strongly of the opinion that there is the letter A under the scratches to the right of the date on the 1826 C1. However, John Wright and I clearly saw a star under the scratches on your proof. Mike Packard is quite aware of these contretemps.

Frank

--- [redacted] wrote:

> Frank: Yes, we were thrilled with the Cardinals
> last year, particularly
> because their World Series victory was so
> unexpected. Eric is at
> _Ericnumis@aol.com_ (mailto:Ericnumis@aol.com) . I
> will try to have my 1826 and the new
> one I bought at your suggestion on ebay available.
> To whom did you want me to
> show it ? You are right about the mass of details
> for the convention, but
> everyone has pitched in to help, particularly
> Marsha. I wish you could come.
> Tett
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Subj: **Re: 1826 C1**
Date: 4/30/2007 5:39:52 P.M. Central Daylight Time
From: [redacted]
To:

Hi Tett

Hope that EAC went well. I really wish I could have been there, but it turned out that I could not possibly have been there.

I am pleased that you had the 26-1's out for examination. I still maintain that JDW and I saw a star back in 1989. I can live with the consensus that the obliterated item is unidentifiable at this time.

When you get a chance, write up some of your observations of what you saw. You are a scientist at heart, and I am sure you saw a great deal.

Frank

--- [redacted] wrote:

> Frank: I took the 1826 C1 to the EAC convention,
> and showed it to Mike
> Packard, John Wright, and Ron Manley. I also took
> the other very early die state
> specimen which I bought from ebay at your
> suggestion.
> John had his high power two eye microscope (I forget
> what he calls it).
> There was pretty much of a consensus among the four
> of us that there was clearly
> something under the scratches which had been
> intentionally obliterated in
> the die, but that there was no clear evidence as to
> what it had been. It
> really did not look like a star, or like an A, which
> is what Ron had believed it
> was, although he still clung to that possibility. I
> suppose it will have to
> remain an uncertain hypothesis. Tett
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> ********** See what's
> free at http://www.aol.com.
>

Subj: **Half cent stuff**
Date: 9/26/2007 7:05:18 P.M. Central Daylight Time
From: [redacted]
To:

Hi Tett

There is a 1794 C1a for sale on Shawn Yancey's web site that may be of interest to you. It looks to me to be a doubly struck off center brockage with two rows of incuse denticles on the obverse. The coin is about $250. See http://www.earlycoppercoins.com/6678-1794c1a.jpg

There are a few coins in the Spurlock collection that could possibly improve your collection: 1800, 1854,5,6,& 7. The 1800 is the best looking one I have even seen or seen a picture of. I can only imagine the prices of these babies.

A couple of weeks ago during our after supper devotions Cathy asked if we knew anyone who always acted in an above board manner. I mentioned-----YOU! I explained that you have been scrupulously honest and fair in all of your dealings with coin dealers and other coins collectors.

Your friend

Frank Wilkinson

Subj: **Re: Half cent stuff**
Date: 9/27/2007 10:34:06 A.M. Central Daylight Time
From: [redacted]
To:

Frank: What a wonderful compliment ! I have always believed that the core standard for human conduct is The Golden Rule. Although I do not claim that I have never violated it, it remains in my thoughts. I am really moved by your comment.

Thanks, also for the half cent information. I will follow up. Tett

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FDC April

send reg. pennies to Frank. W. 2-27

Subj: **Not what you EVER wanted to READ**
Date: 12/3/2007 12:15:05 P.M. Central Standard Time
From: [redacted]
To:

Hi Tett

I believe I asked you and Eric what I consider a rather interesting question about the proof like-qualities of well circulated copper coins. Below the line is the question as I asked Eric. As I recall, neither of you had any idea.

may have been removed rev by AMG a little pit

Within the past week I discovered empirically how the process is performed. It is my 99.9999% conviction that at least three of your half cents were treated in a similar fashion: 94-3a Ex Mill-Brand-Turkus, 95-3 Ex Brobston Showers, and 97-2 Ex Mills-Bareford. the 94-3a is still likely CC1, the others cannot be. Now, that is my opinion. But I am virtually certain that I know how the corrosion was removed and a certain fake brilliance was given to the coins.

2 or 3 1960-82 P not Send write down Various Degrees 19 HONSKI WAY ANSONIA CT 06401 Can remove green spot

I did not ever expect to learn/discover how this was done. However, I think that you would want to know what I think on such things.

If you would like to talk with me about this, my telephone number is 203-734-2031. At this time I am NOT about to divulge how IT is done. However, you could send me a pre 1981 Lincoln cent from circulation that you could scratch or otherwise mark up, then send it to me. I would be glad to "process" the coin and return it to you.

Frank

As you may recall, I have studied the top half cents for the past thirty years. Occasionally a circulated copper is encountered that can be called choice. Sometimes a choice example will actually sell for more money than a higher grade example.

However, I have noticed that some of the top notch copper coins have clear evidence of having corrosion removed and yet the coins themselves retain this overall choice appearance.

My question to you is this, do you know of any method of cleaning copper coins so that the coin has this choice appearance?

Subj: **Your Phone Call**
Date: 1/2/2008 9:10:19 P.M. Central Standard Time
From: [redacted]
To:

Hi Tett

On the 21st you mentioned that you would call me in the new year about "coin processing."

I am also interested in talking with you about any experience/knowledge you may have in a start-up bio-tech. I have some ideas that I am convinced could be of some benefit to society.

I saw your comments on Region 8 about a Spurlock/Brobston whist match. Brobston would annihilate Spurlock in any such whist match. It is fun to think about the superlative specimens that Mr. Brobston assembled. You and JRM are the only people alive, possibly who have EVER lived, who could really challenge JLB.

Our telephone number is [redacted]

PS There was one other "moral" issue you were involved in that really impressed me: Gene Braig found the finest known 1804-5. You knew he had the coin, but never tried to buy or trade for it. I asked you about it once, and you said to the effect that you know Gene likes the coin and that if he decides to part with it, you would be interested. It seems to me that you understood the lesson of David and Bathsheba. As far as I know, Russ Butcher bought it, but I don't know for sure. Gene if very tight lipped about who bought what from his collection.

Frank

Subj: **Simon Pure Originals**
Date: 1/5/2008 7:12:34 A.M. Central Standard Time
From: [redacted]
To:

Hi Tett

I was looking at the half cents that Stack's has in their upcoming auction. Lot 33 is an 1852. It is listed as a First Restrike, which it is. However, when I first looked at it, the doubled T in CENT was not clear. I looked at it more, and saw that the N in CENT is definitely doubled.

I thought for a short time that it could be what Walter said was a Simon Pure Original. He was of the opinion that an 1852 exists with the usual business strike reverse of 49-57.

If you are in Florida for the FUN show, you may want to look at the coin to see if the T is doubled. The photo may not have been sharp.

Frank

FYI

5-15-08

FRANK

No, I haven't forgotten!
I am enclosing a few pennies.
I hope that there are at
least a couple in here that
you would want to work on.
Thanks a bunch.

BE noted 11-6-08

BE noted 3-8-10

FROM THE DESK OF R. TETTENHORST

Per FRANK WILKINSON

STACKS has plates of ALL coins in the BROBSTON sale, even those not plated

Dear Tett,

Hope all is well in you and the "Tettenhorst's". I called around this evening and learned the ANS bought the New Netherlands bid Looks, It was a lot of money, but an absolutely unique and crucial bit of infor for the ANS library,

God bless all.

Frank

THE FOURTEEN-STAR HALF CENT (??)

Frank Wilkinson

It has long been speculated that the area of heavy die scratches to the right of the date on 1826 Cohen 1 half cents covered some errant punch device. Perhaps a digit or a star hides uder this crude attempt at 'erasure'.

Recently John Wright and I were photographing some half cents in the Missouri Cabinet. When John examined the Proof 1826 C-1, he remarked 'There's a star under there.' So we took a closeup picture of the affected area, copied below. What is YOUR opinion? Write me.

Frank Wilkinson
913 N. 20th, #6
Lafayette, IN
47904

For Frank:

- Send Bareford Comparison
  Why Jay coin crossed out p.100
  Weber 3b not same as Roger's?
  P.118 Plate coin (94.9) "Allenburger" - but no mention in text.
- P.163 Ketterman is the one for showers to JRM
- lots more Dr. E stuff in article
  What do letters TT1, TT2, TTS etc p.188-9 mean?
  Is the 97.3c.3 Unger ~~the one~~ listed ~~for Hunde~~? (It so mark in Br)
  P.200 "Tett/W.W" mean the plated coin? also p.204
  P.208 Add 2.4, Reiver
  p.229 4.2 to Weber
  Breer comments

Why ~~p.45 (5.2)~~, p96 Freeman, ~~p116 State IV is it 8.2~~,
Pictures of Dr. Edwards Sale Cats to compare
P.219 5.3 Spot at ER obv. or rev.?
✓ Write Dr. Lee to bring 03 C2 with cud to Dallas or
Bragg Swap 04 C5's my showers EF40 plus something for his MS60

Frank Pictures 45, 68, 71, 86, 87, 88, 127, 140

Which 08.3 04.8 is ill p286 p.244 as State II III Color Plate?
" 04.10 " p.248 " " I
" 06.3 " p272 " " II
Write (call) Bill Weber to bring 05.2. to Dallas
✓ Take 06.3.4 to Dallas. Ask Roger about die break thru tops IBE
Ask Weber did I trade him two 08/07 C2's?, Ryder & Shawena
Check Rev of 31.2.1 is it Rev of 36? add to book
Is 31.2.4 Superior Auct '83 from Kagin's ANA '77 lot 2185
Is 31.1.5 altered! ill on p.348? tell FW
Is 31.1.2 Orig or restrike? Correct book
✓✓✓ Go to Martin Coin Mon D/T for 1/2 ¢ holders
Take C/S coins
Weigh my 95.1b.
Compare 97.1.4 & 1.5 with listings. Which one pictured, listed

RT Comm. Breen's Encyclopedia

04.C5 State III Not Photographed

04.09.1 State III p 246

04.09.4 State VII p 247 + Color Plate

04.C1 State I Not Photographed

04.C11 State II Not Photographed

04.12.4 p [illegible] Large Photo

04.12.[illegible] p [illegible] Large Photo

05.2.[illegible] p. [illegible] Large Photo State II

05.4.4 p [illegible] Large Photo - State IV

05.C2 p [illegible] State I + Photo T. JPN?

06.[illegible] p [illegible] [illegible] II

[illegible] State IV E [illegible]?

[illegible].1.1 p. 282 Variety + State II

[illegible].2.5 p. [illegible] Variety

08.3.10 p. [illegible] State II

09.2.3 p. 295 State IV

[illegible].3.4 p. [illegible] State I

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11.1.[illegible] p. [illegible] State II

11.1.[illegible] p. [illegible] State III

11.2.[illegible] p. [illegible] State II

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[illegible].2.2 p. [illegible] Variety

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44.2nd.2 p. 4[illegible] Variety

45.2nd.1 p. 412 Variety

47.Orig. p. 419 Variety

4[illegible] Orig.1 p. 423 Variety

45.1st.1 p. 42[illegible] Variety

48.2nd.1 p. 42[illegible] Variety

49.Orig.1 p. 426 Variety

49.1st.2 p. 430 Obv.

49.1st.1 p. 430 Rev.

56.2.1 p. 457 Variety - A C.N.

57.1.2 p. 460 Variety.

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04.10.5 p. 480

04.5.3 p. 483

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47.Orig.1 revonseveral pages

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From FW

For EAC

FW's girl friend is "Kath"

age 35

Former sales mgr. for American Chicle div. of Warner Lambert

Left job to go back to school in elementary education

Met at church

Miss Kath age 35
was Sales Mgr.
for Amer Chicle
Div. of Warner Lambert

back to school
degree in Elementary education
fine Christian girl
met her at church
really hit it off.

FW
Wants to go to baseball game
- Broeg
- Cind
- Rinehart

June 24, 1996

Frank Wilkinson
307 Charleston Greene
Malvern PA 19355
610-640-3809

Dear Tett,

It was really good to see you at EAC and am glad you got to meet Cathy. She has meant the world to me since we married four years ago (6-20-92). I dont know if you were around when King Lawrence arrived at EAC on Saturday afternoon

Probably Ex + Winsor

Did you get the 1795 C2a and 1800 from the Elizabeth sale? They seem like super coins. I've got some super coins for his collection, but the 1854 and 1855 Proofs are R7 instead of the R5 listed in Breen. They may be R9+. I dont know if they go to R8. I think the price of the Nickle was absurd. Is your coin CC2023? How do you rank the top four of the variety?

I've played with the formula I thought you gave me for Archimedes' proof of the infinite number of primes which is 1x2x3x5 . . . This is not always a prime number eg (1x2x3x5x7x11x13)+1 = 30031 = 59x509. What is the formula you gave me?

I dont think the Cardinals will meet the Tigers in the World Series this year. The Tigers could win fewer games than the original Mets of '62 (?) and win only 25% of their games. That is ignominy. But I still love them. (Anyone could beat the old Yankees because they always won)

A good friend of ours is working for a small company in Virginia that is making an airplane (jet) simulator so that video game players can shoot each other like in combat. They are making this game for places like your restaurant/game center in Phillip. I think my friends company wants to sell the rights to the game and a piece of the company. Does the EBS subsidiary get involved in such ventures. If so, I can get you the name and address of the company.

Best regards, Frank Cathy [illegible]

7-2-96

P.S. I understand the ANS is having another copper symposium in October. If you could get me an invitation to speak, I would be thrilled to give an update on the information I have on the proof only half cents. Rarity of the die combinations. Some unlisted characteristics distinguishing the two restrike reverses, my idea of who discovered the two restrike reverses and etc. I am not a member of ANS currently - I let my membership lapse as I really did take a big loss financially after the Cohen fiasco. There are few serious collectors of all the proofs besides Partrick, JRM, and you, but I think I could put together enough facts to draw some conclusions but also raise enough questions that have not been answered that a general collector would be interested. What do you think?

I am looking forward to the John J. Pittman sale of his half cents. I know of few ½¢'s specifically in the collection. 1851 prf Ex RSC in the early 50's, 1843 Orig in an original box of proofs of the year, 1836 Ex Ruby, 1831 Prf (Orig?), 1854, 1855, & 1856 Prf (All but the 43 & 36 are RED). JRM said JJP sadly had a 52 L.B. The only no pole that I have ever heard of that JJP could own is the VG Mills specimen, or a "new" one. The Celina (Ohio) Coin Co. offered a 1796-2 - PL. Red around 1946 - The plate matches none of the coins I have seen. Basically, I am waiting to be pleasantly surprised, as I was with the Eliasberg set. This is the last of the great black holes that we know exist, but not what is in it! Are there others ???

Ike

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June 9, 1998

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Dear Frank:

I am trying to track down two half cents. I would appreciate any help you may give me with respect to their current location or chain of ownership after the printed material.

1) A few years ago, I read somewhere about a Liberty Cap half cent struck over a Massachusetts half cent. Do you know where this reference was? Can you verify that it was an accurate description? Do you know where the coin is now?

2) Price list #26 of the St. Louis Stamp and Coin Company (Burdette G. Johnson) lists a 1795 half cent overstruck on an Immunis Columbia cent (see attached). Have you ever heard of this coin? Do you know of any subsequent ownership, including the present location of the coin?

I would certainly appreciate any help that you can give me on these questions. Thanks very much.

Sincerely,

Tett

R. Tettenhorst

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Attachment

P.S. I don't have your California address

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Hi Tett,

I Know the whereabouts of neither. I heard something about a ½¢ struck over a ~~blank~~ ½ probably in PW or Breen, The PW or C-D rev should be the place to check first. A US. ½¢ struck over an Immune Columbia - whew. That would be something! Of course, you would think if that were true, and who am I to dispute W. Eric's mentor, the coin would have had a trumpet blast every time it was offered. I have never heard of such a coin. I suggest you run an add in PW. It would be great just to see either coin.

One possibility is that ½ could be one of the 3 1795 C6's struck over a half dollar trial piece. Working backwards on these pedigree may help.

According to my sources, you've bought some nice coins: 1804-C4 "One" at Stacks - 12/4/87. The 1800 error at the ANA sale. Did you get the 1808 error from Chris McCawley at EAC?

Who bought the VF20 1806-C3 at the ANA sale of 1996? There have been one or two new red 1796 w. pole show up. I heard Whitney bought one. Did you get one?

I am quite busy at work. We are trying to get out a product (a test for prostate cancer). I am the one who worked on it at SB and now head up the group. I am beginning to understand what pressure is.

6-22-98

Your Jan. article in PW was interesting, but I don't think they were trial pieces. Most collectors don't weigh their coins, so it would be hard to prove that underweight half cents are really no big deal. ~~They~~ ~~There~~ ~~ought~~ One could weigh many of the well-circulated coins to see if they fell into some sort of distribution and if there were hundreds in the "normal range" of say 97-108 grains and only a handful of light ones

~~[illegible]~~

you might have a case.

Prime numbers again. Sure I'd like to see your proof for an infinite number of consecutive non-prime.

How rare are prime among the huge numbers I think they have determined all the prime up to a really huge number I know how to ~~calcu~~ determine which are non-prime fairly easily which is easier than determining which are prime. I can imagine "the pros" use something like my idea to find all the prime.

If Mark McGuire stays healthy, he should hit a lot of homers this year

I found an 1808 C3 error at the '94 ANA in Detroit that I think would up going to you. It was double struck. the 1st strike was off center. And the 2nd strike ~~was~~ maintained sidedness. The throat of the 1st strike could be seen clearly near the tip of the bust of the second. the reverse has a crescent of blank space where the 1st strike occurred. I was reminded of this coin when Chris McCawley described his coin he sold at EAC which was also an 1808 C3.

God bless

Frank

, unc. red, wide date, $2.50; unc purple $2.00; unc. dark, $1.50; V. fine, 60c; V. g. 15c.
3, compact date, unc. red, $2.00; unc. some red, $1.25; fine, 50c.
16, large date, V. fine, 35c; V. g. 25c.
16, small date, unc. bright red, $3.00; unc. considerable red, $2.00; unc. dark olive., $1.50; abt. unc. olive, 75c; V. fine, 40c; V. g. 15c.
817, unc. red, $1.25; unc. purple, $1.25; unc. dark olive, $1.25; abt. unc. olive, $1.00; fine, 50c; V. fine, 40c; fine, 35c; V. g. 15c.
1818, unc. red, $1.50; unc. olive, 90c; V. fine, 50c; fine. 15c.
1819, unc. bright red, $1.50; unc. olive, 90c; V. fine. 35c.
1850, '51, '52, '53, '54, '56, straight or Halle 5, unc. red, each 60c.
1855, unc. olive, 50c.
1850, '51, '52, '53, '54, '55, '56, V. fine, each 15c.
1857, large date, unc. red, $1.25; fine, 50c; V. g. 35c.
1857, small date, V. fine, 60c; V. g. 35c.
1857, flying eagle, unc. 25c.
1858, small letters, V. fine, 25c; large letters, unc. 60c.
1859, '60, '61, '62, '63, '64, copper nickel, unc. each, 20c.
1, '62, Br. proof, each, $1.00.
1, copper nickel, Br. proof—$2.00.
bronze, '65, '66, unc. each, 25c.
'67, br. proof each, 60c.
'68, '69, fine, each—15c.
ine, 25c; fine, 15c.
roof, $1.00; unc. 75c; fine, 25c.
ne, 50c; '73, proof, 60c; unc. 40c; fine, 15c.
oof, 75c; unc. 25c; fine. 15c.
'c, unc. each—25c; '76, fine. 15c.
of, $1.25; unc. 90c; V. g. 30c.
unc. each, 20c.

1850 to 1908 inc. most dates Br. proof, each, 15c; unc. each. 12c.
1908 S; unc. 15c.
1909, Indian head, Br. proof, 60c; unc., 15c; S, unc. 15c.
1909, Lincoln V. D. B., unc., 15c; S, unc. 15c.
1909, no V. D. B., unc. 15c; S, unc. 15c.
1910, '10 S, '11, '11 D, '12, '13, '13 D, '16, '16 D, '16 S, '17 D, '17 S, '19 D, unc. each, 15c..

1793, unc. perfectly struck up, semi-proof, beautiful golden olive with traces of red, $100.00.
1793, very fine, $25.00.
1793, good. $3.25; V. fair. $1.75.
1794, date distant from bust, dropped 9, unc. a gem coin, $30.00.
1794, Ex. fine, nearly unc., date close to bust, $20.00.
1794, date close to bust, V. fine $15.00
1794, 4 touches bust, fine, strong. $7.50
1794, date distant from bust, abt. fine, $5.00; V. g., strong, $2.25.
1794, date distant from bust, V. fine but numb- ber of slight edge dents. $3.00
1794, very wide date, V. g. $2.25.
1794, compact date, V. g. some edge dents. $2.00.
1794, distant date, V. g. strong, slightly bent. $2.00—V. fair. 75c
1795, unc., olive, plain edge. A beautiful coin without note, curious die break on rev. from "T" of "States" to "R" of "America." $25.00.
1795, lettered edge, fine strong, $6.00.
1795, overstruck on Immunis Columbia cent, V. g., plain edge, $3.50.
1795, plain edge, V. fair—90c.
1797, 1 above date, unc. some red but not sharp, $8.00; fine, sharp, $4.00; V. fair 75c.

sounds mostly closely like the JRM 1793-C2

sounds like your 1795 C5a By Bareford

Sounds like the Dupont coin.

When was the FPH.?

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September 8, 1994
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Dear Tatt and Marilyn,

Cathy and I want to thank you so much for the gift of the hand-quilted blanket for our new baby boy, Lawrence. As the newspaper article stated, he has truly changed our lives - for the better. God really blessed me when He brought me Cathy, and again with Lawrence.

I spent the last weekend in August w. the Wrights (C+I went too!) I found out a lot about the Brand collection and other half cents. The World's Greatest Collection had a Dr Edwards copy and a reverse impression of the Dr. Edwards copy. I made a list of the significant ½¢'s in the WGC, but I have no idea where any of the coins are now. The Brand inventory sheets I got from Eric probably represent ½0 to ½ of all the Brand half cents.

By the way, Superior has not paid me, yet. I went to the ANA because Cathy thought I should go. I heard that Superior is in bankruptcy court. It doesn't please me that they are in a pickle, but it by no means surprises me. It was strange that when I was cataloging Rogers coins and would read something outlandish, I'd force myself to read they daily devotionals in the the Old + New Testaments (These were in a pattern I'd kept to for twelve years so it wasn't fudged by me). Every one of those evenings the O.T. reading included talking care of aliens, orphans, and widows. I knew that in the sight of the Lord, I was doing the correct thing.

Many of the Reade coins are very nice, but several are not nearly as nice as I thought they'd be. I did not get to photograph them - perhaps when they get new owners.

Best regards

Frank & Cathy Willmore

EAC

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Dear Frank:

I really enjoyed reading your Christmas letter. It is great to get news of Lawrence, Cathy, and you. I am glad things are going so well for you.

I don't know of much important news going on in the half cent field. Whitney is selling his three beautiful 1796s in May as part of his overall collection for that year. They are certainly too expensive for me to acquire for a one or two point upgrade.

I was interested to read your judgment about Manley's comments on the 1809 C5. How else can the evidence from later die states be explained?

No, I do not remember receiving your note about squaring a circle. Can you give me a repeat, please?

How is your test for prostate cancer differentiated from our local Dr. Catalona's PSA test?

Although the demise of Edison Brothers is a sad event, we are all well, cheerful, and in good spirits. David is a junior at Brown University in Providence and loving it. He is a great young man. You will see how quickly time flies with offspring.

Are you coming to EAC in Cincinnati by any chance? It would be wonderful to see you again. Eric sends his regards.

Sincerely,

Tett

R. Tettenhorst

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Way Out (perhaps Way Way Out) West

A few weeks A. T. E. (After 'The' Encyclopaedia)

Dear Mr. Roger S. Cohen, Jr.:

By now you must be aware that my faith in Mr. Collinschnorrer has been rewarded. How could I have doubted him for a minute? Since you did not reply to my previous inquiries, I figured that you must have thought that I was crazy. He has already printed 7500 copies of 'The' encyclopaedia. This confounded me at first because there seems to be so few half-penny-pickers today. He said that is just the reason he printed so many. There are not enough half-cents for everyone. Those masses of fleshy bodies out there can look at the pictures instead. I do remember when I had no really intimate friends and Dr. William would let me look at his book with all the pictures - every type of person imaginable. He always told me to look but not touch, just like with the coins. Oh, there I go again.

Mr. Collinschnorrer says that we must sell each and every last copy of 'The' encyclopaedia if we are to have any money left in the cookie jar. Why does he always talk about things that make my mouth winter water. He said if 'The' encyclopaedia is not sucksexful successful, he may have to closet the doors to the Institute. He said those little nippers charged so much to print 'The' encyclopaedia. I think that he should have dropped all that Institute shit. Instead of that high-phalus-phaluting not-incorporated anything, if he would have just used his real name, whatever it is, they might have done it for less. Then there were the photographs - they took up so much space. 'Couldn't we just photograph part of the coin?', I asked him. Everyone knows that they are all round and brown and in any given year all the dates are the same. We could have saved so much

(Thank you for reading this far) if he would just tell everyone once and for all time who owns what, where they live, and what their telephone numbers are. If someone wants to see a coin or two, he can call the owner or slip in while he is out. I'm sure that it is becoming clearer and clearer to you by now that your unilateral demand for a reciprocal free gratis copy of 'The' Encyclopaedia is something that we cannot tolerate. Dr. William used to wow them with logic too.

Besides, just when we thought that we had put an end to you and your book and all your friends, it has come to our attention that enemies of our empire are claiming the existence of errors in 'The' encyclopaedia. Poppycock! Poppycookies! Oh please don't tell anyone about the poppycookies. Mr. Collinschnorrer lets me have one when I've been good. There will never, no never, be an erotica errata listing in 'The' encyclopaedia because it is 'The' gospel and there will never, no not ever, be a second edition because we know everything and Mr. Hanson says that there cannot be any new half-cents coming out because they don't make them anymore. He is so smart and he has the best ones anyway. You know that they used to be mine and I still think of them as really mine so when I say, 'I'll show you mine if you show me yours', I reach for his because it's really mine. That may sound all rather silly to you and your friends, but way way out here on 'The' west coast, one can joke about such things whistfully, but we don't want anyone else to.

Why can't you and the others be more like Cap'n John? He wrote such nice things about 'The' encyclopaedia that I asked Mr. Collinschnorrer (Mr C.S. to those in the know) to send him

return postage for his review copy. I had never asked Mr. C.S. for anything except a little 'scratch' for a sniff, but then he started clawing at 'The' photos in 'The' encyclopaedia. What on earth was he doing. He nearly ruined my copy and I paid good money for it. But Cap'n John has respect for me and for everything that I have done. He knows that I am a living legend and I intend to keep living the legend and my friends are helping to keep the legend alive. You may have noticed that I said 'legend' instead of 'myth'. I used to say 'myth', but one day I said, 'if the myth fits the ....' and someone thought I was a little you know what and was trying to say 'misfits'. So now we fondle fondly call our little group the 'mouthfits' 'mythfits'. Please don't tell anyone our little secret!

Numythmaticly yours (and several others)

WB

P.S.

I hope this doesn't mean that you won't answer my questions. Could you possibly make a donation to 'The' Institute? Maybe then Mr. Collinschnorrer would send you a free copy and you could deduct it on your income tax return (and then again when you give it to the Salvation Army), you sharpie you.